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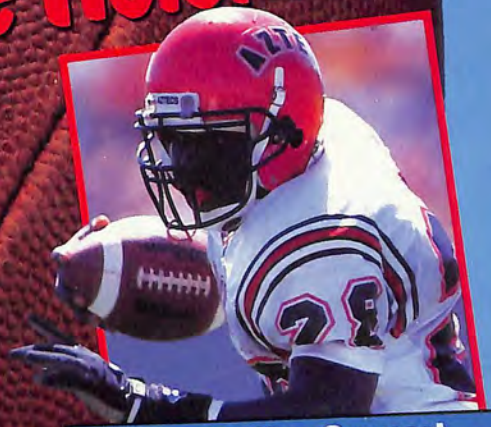
Gino Torretta — MIAMI



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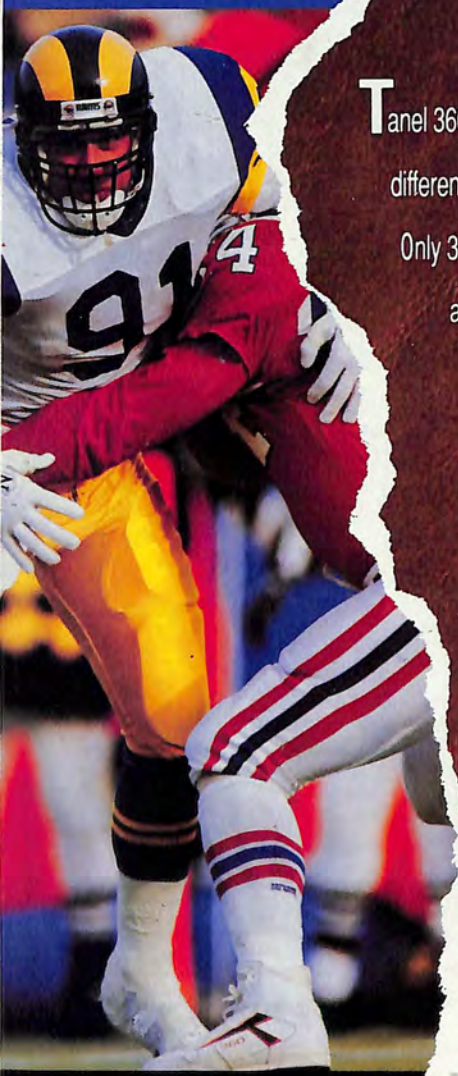

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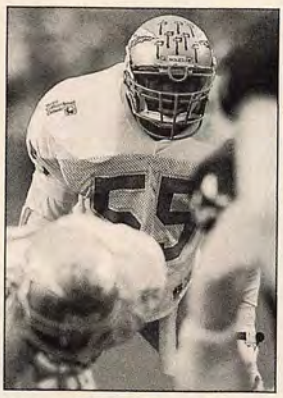
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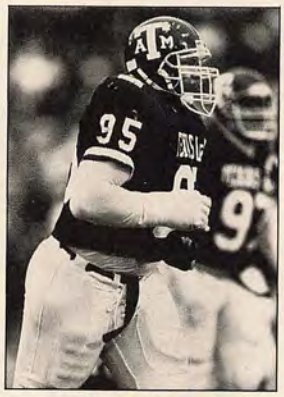
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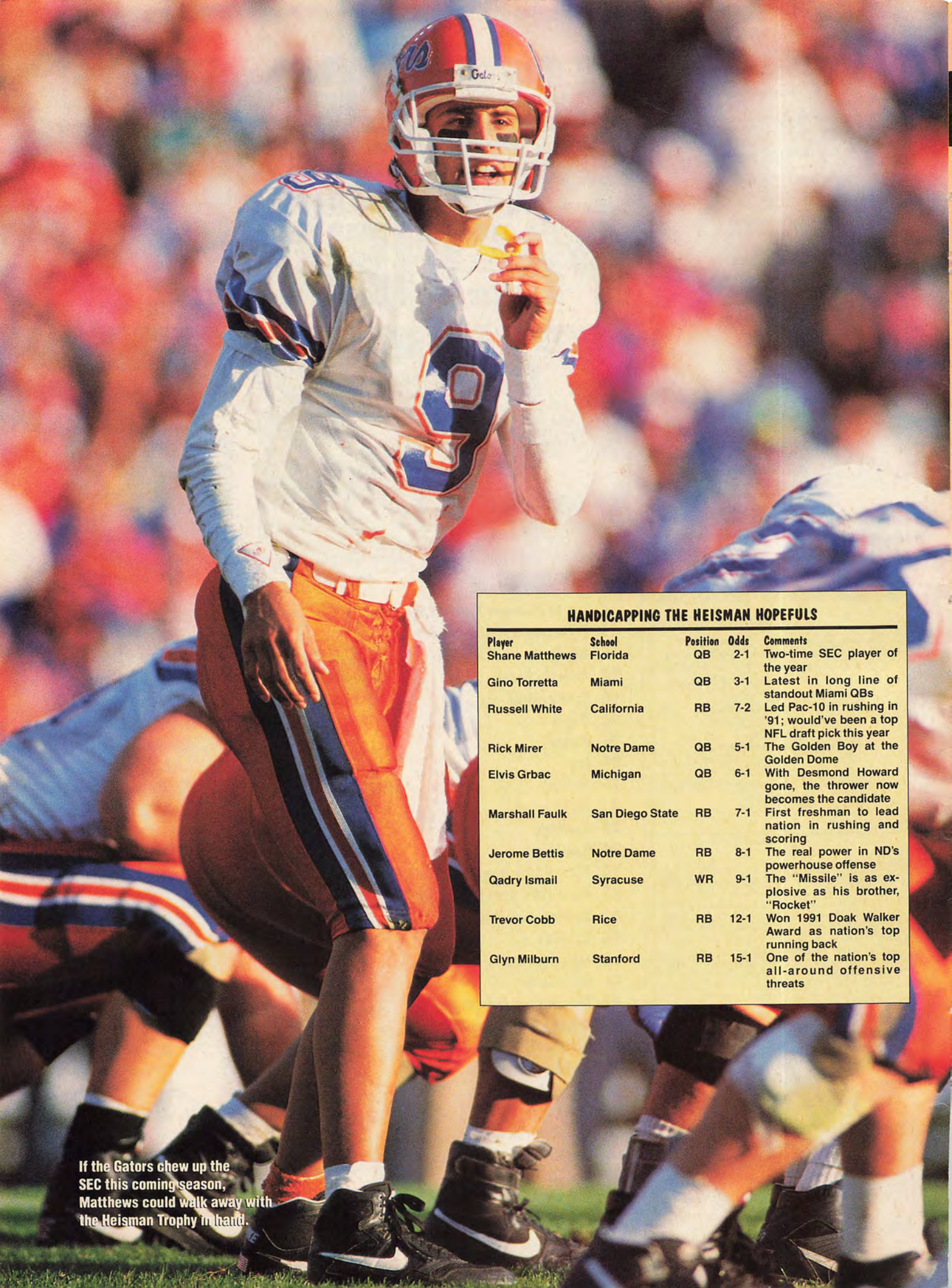
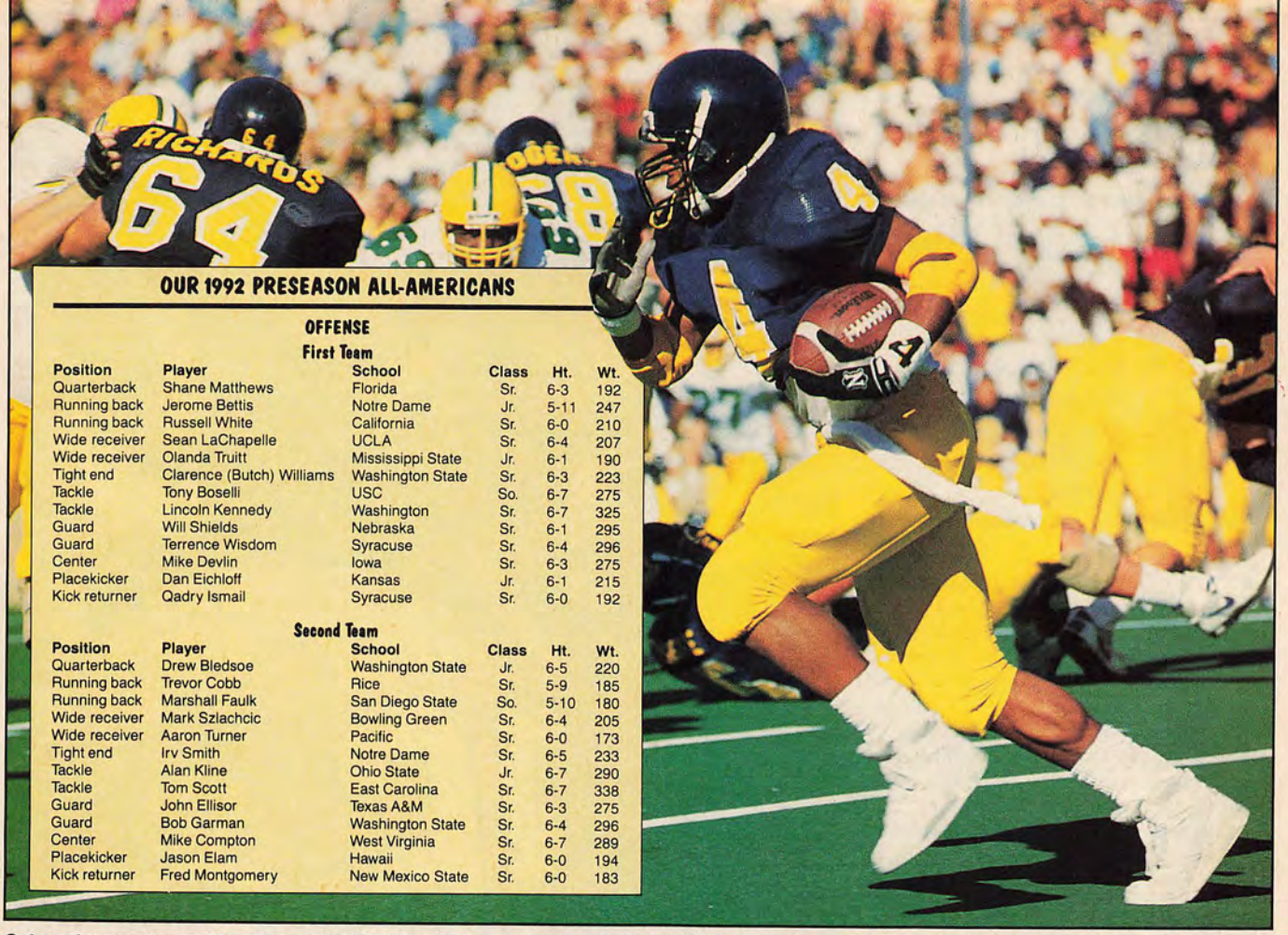


If the Gators chew up the SEC this coming season, Matthews could walk away with the Heisman Trophy in hand.

## HANDICAPPING THE HEISMAN HOPEFULS

| Player | School | Position | Odds | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shane Matthews | Florida | QB | 2-1 | Two-time SEC player of the year |
| Gino Torretta | Miami | QB | 3-1 | Latest in long line of standout Miami QBs |
| Russell White | California | RB | 7-2 | Led Pac-10 in rushing in '91; would've been a top NFL draft pick this year |
| Rick Mirer | Notre Dame | QB | 5-1 | The Golden Boy at the Golden Dome |
| Elvis Grbac | Michigan | QB | 6-1 | With Desmond Howard gone, the thrower now becomes the candidate |
| Marshall Faulk | San Diego State | RB | 7-1 | First freshman to lead nation in rushing and scoring |
| Jerome Bettis | Notre Dame | RB | 8-1 | The real power in ND's powerhouse offense |
| Qadry Ismail | Syracuse | WR | 9-1 | The "Missile" is as explosive as his brother, "Rocket" |
| Trevor Cobb | Rice | RB | 12-1 | Won 1991 Doak Walker Award as nation's top running back |
| Glyn Milburn | Stanford | RB | 15-1 | One of the nation's top all-around offensive threats |



## OUR 1992 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

### OFFENSE

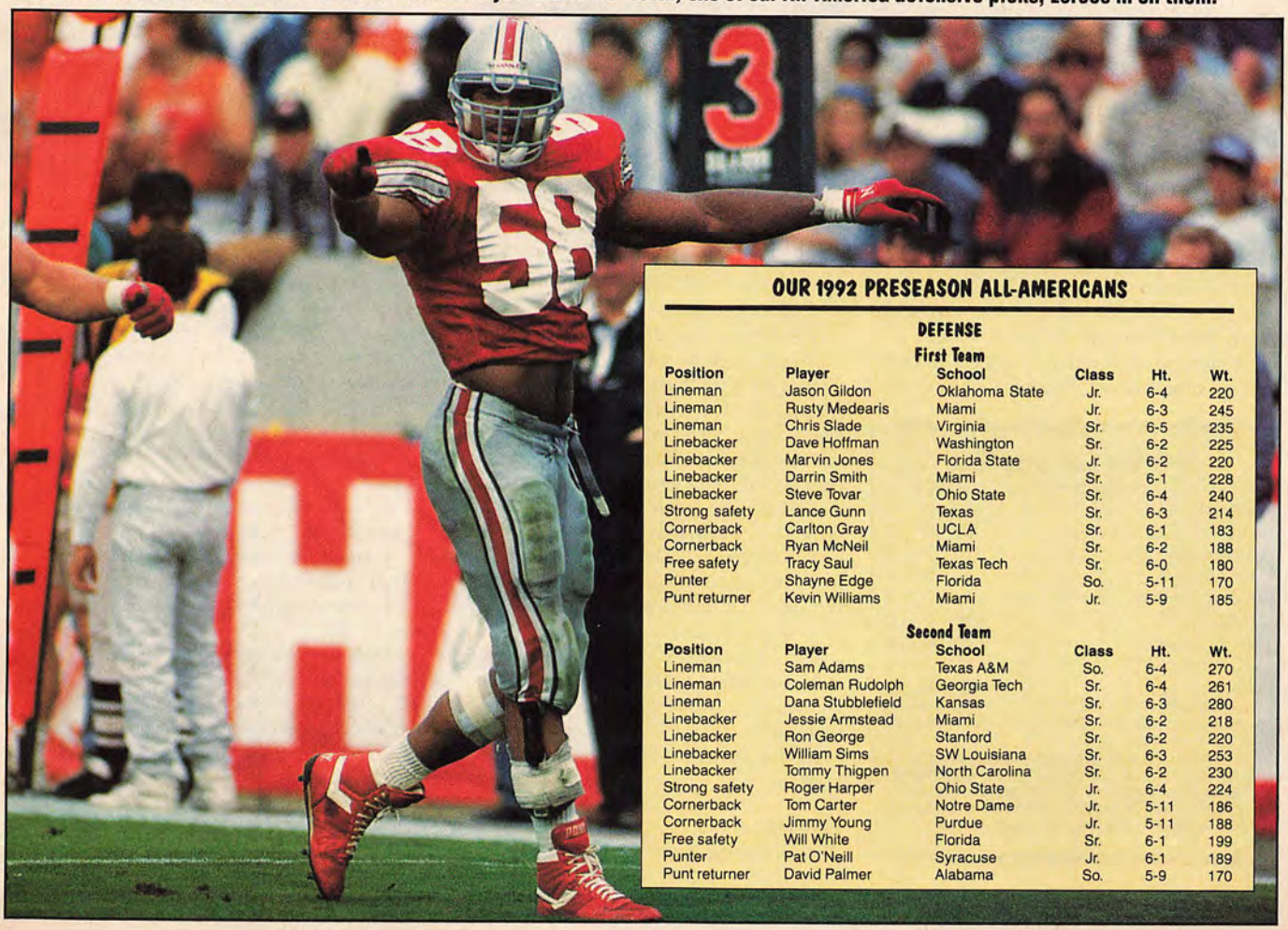
#### First Team

| Position | Player | School | Class | Ht. | Wt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quarterback | Shane Matthews | Florida | Sr. | 6-3 | 192 |
| Running back | Jerome Bettis | Notre Dame | Jr. | 5-11 | 247 |
| Running back | Russell White | California | Sr. | 6-0 | 210 |
| Wide receiver | Sean LaChapelle | UCLA | Sr. | 6-4 | 207 |
| Wide receiver | Olanda Truitt | Mississippi State | Jr. | 6-1 | 190 |
| Tight end | Clarence (Butch) Williams | Washington State | Sr. | 6-3 | 223 |
| Tackle | Tony Boselli | USC | So. | 6-7 | 275 |
| Tackle | Lincoln Kennedy | Washington | Sr. | 6-7 | 325 |
| Guard | Will Shields | Nebraska | Sr. | 6-1 | 295 |
| Guard | Terrence Wisdom | Syracuse | Sr. | 6-4 | 296 |
| Center | Mike Devlin | Iowa | Sr. | 6-3 | 275 |
| Placekicker | Dan Eichloff | Kansas | Jr. | 6-1 | 215 |
| Kick returner | Qadry Ismail | Syracuse | Sr. | 6-0 | 192 |

#### Second Team

| Position | Player | School | Class | Ht. | Wt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quarterback | Drew Bledsoe | Washington State | Jr. | 6-5 | 220 |
| Running back | Trevor Cobb | Rice | Sr. | 5-9 | 185 |
| Running back | Marshall Faulk | San Diego State | So. | 5-10 | 180 |
| Wide receiver | Mark Szlachcic | Bowling Green | Sr. | 6-4 | 205 |
| Wide receiver | Aaron Turner | Pacific | Sr. | 6-0 | 173 |
| Tight end | Irv Smith | Notre Dame | Sr. | 6-5 | 233 |
| Tackle | Alan Kline | Ohio State | Jr. | 6-7 | 290 |
| Tackle | Tom Scott | East Carolina | Sr. | 6-7 | 338 |
| Guard | John Ellisor | Texas A&M | Sr. | 6-3 | 275 |
| Guard | Bob Garman | Washington State | Sr. | 6-4 | 296 |
| Center | Mike Compton | West Virginia | Sr. | 6-7 | 289 |
| Placekicker | Jason Elam | Hawaii | Sr. | 6-0 | 194 |
| Kick returner | Fred Montgomery | New Mexico State | Sr. | 6-0 | 183 |

**Out on the coast, a Golden Bear named White will be running for daylight. The Cal star is part of our potent First Team All-America offense. Big Ten ball carriers aren't worth a buck when Buckeyes linebacker Tovar, one of our All-America defensive picks, zeroes in on them.**



## OUR 1992 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

### DEFENSE

#### First Team

| Position | Player | School | Class | Ht. | Wt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lineman | Jason Gildon | Oklahoma State | Jr. | 6-4 | 220 |
| Lineman | Rusty Medearis | Miami | Jr. | 6-3 | 245 |
| Lineman | Chris Slade | Virginia | Sr. | 6-5 | 235 |
| Linebacker | Dave Hoffman | Washington | Sr. | 6-2 | 225 |
| Linebacker | Marvin Jones | Florida State | Jr. | 6-2 | 220 |
| Linebacker | Darrin Smith | Miami | Sr. | 6-1 | 228 |
| Linebacker | Steve Tovar | Ohio State | Sr. | 6-4 | 240 |
| Strong safety | Lance Gunn | Texas | Sr. | 6-3 | 214 |
| Cornerback | Carlton Gray | UCLA | Sr. | 6-1 | 183 |
| Cornerback | Ryan McNeil | Miami | Sr. | 6-2 | 188 |
| Free safety | Tracy Saul | Texas Tech | Sr. | 6-0 | 180 |
| Punter | Shayne Edge | Florida | So. | 5-11 | 170 |
| Punt returner | Kevin Williams | Miami | Jr. | 5-9 | 185 |

#### Second Team

| Position | Player | School | Class | Ht. | Wt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lineman | Sam Adams | Texas A&M | So. | 6-4 | 270 |
| Lineman | Coleman Rudolph | Georgia Tech | Sr. | 6-4 | 261 |
| Lineman | Dana Stubblefield | Kansas | Sr. | 6-3 | 280 |
| Linebacker | Jessie Armstead | Miami | Sr. | 6-2 | 218 |
| Linebacker | Ron George | Stanford | Sr. | 6-2 | 220 |
| Linebacker | William Sims | SW Louisiana | Sr. | 6-3 | 253 |
| Linebacker | Tommy Thigpen | North Carolina | Sr. | 6-2 | 230 |
| Strong safety | Roger Harper | Ohio State | Jr. | 6-4 | 224 |
| Cornerback | Tom Carter | Notre Dame | Jr. | 5-11 | 186 |
| Cornerback | Jimmy Young | Purdue | Jr. | 5-11 | 188 |
| Free safety | Will White | Florida | Sr. | 6-1 | 199 |
| Punter | Pat O'Neill | Syracuse | Jr. | 6-1 | 189 |
| Punt returner | David Palmer | Alabama | So. | 5-9 | 170 |

# Big East

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Miami
2. Syracuse
3. Rutgers
4. West Virginia
5. Pittsburgh
6. Virginia Tech
7. Boston College
8. Temple

When the Big East formed as a football conference everyone involved agreed on the importance of securing Miami's membership. "I believe with all my heart that we were out of business without Miami," says Mike Tranghese, Big East commissioner. Now, as the Big East prepares for its second season of operation, nearly everyone involved agrees on the importance of someone knocking off Miami. Just as there was no way in which the Big East could exist without Miami, there is no way it can achieve legitimacy without competition.

"Absolutely," says Syracuse athletic director Jake Crouthamel. "You don't want one team dominating the conference. Miami will dominate early. Their program is just that strong. But look what the Big East was like when it began basketball, and see what has happened."

Indeed. Basketball teams like Connecticut and Seton Hall are prime examples of how a top-notch conference with widespread TV appeal can improve rapidly. Parity in Big East basketball was not difficult to achieve.

If last season's Boston College-Miami thriller is any indication, parity in football won't be long in coming, either. Scrappy BC, which finished with a 4-7 record, fought the entire four quarters before finally succumbing to the eventual co-national champions 19-14. Sparking memories of Doug Flutie, the Eagles were throwing for a would-be winning touchdown as the game ended. "We should have got our butts beat and we didn't," says Miami coach Dennis Erickson. "We were fortunate."

Miami once again will field a contender for the national championship. The team is led by quarterback and Heisman Trophy candidate Gino Torretta. Under Erickson, the Hurricanes are 33-3 with two national titles. It will surprise no one if they win 11 or 12 games this year as well.

Nevertheless—and this is where the Big East will really begin to refine its reputation—it will surprise few if the Hurricanes lose on November 21 at Syracuse. The Orangemen, 10-2 last season, return nearly every important player for 1992, including their own Heisman candidate in speedy Qadry Ismail. Most important, they play Miami in the Carrier Dome, where the Orangemen are 25-5-2 in their last 32 appearances.

With improvement also expected from programs such as Rutgers and Boston College, and with teams with plenty of tradition such as Pitt and West Virginia, the Big East might not remain Hurricanes country for too long. While almost everyone seems to think a champ other than Miami will be good for the league, one person winces when he thinks about teams other than the Hurricanes winning the conference title. "I'd prefer that they didn't," says Erickson.

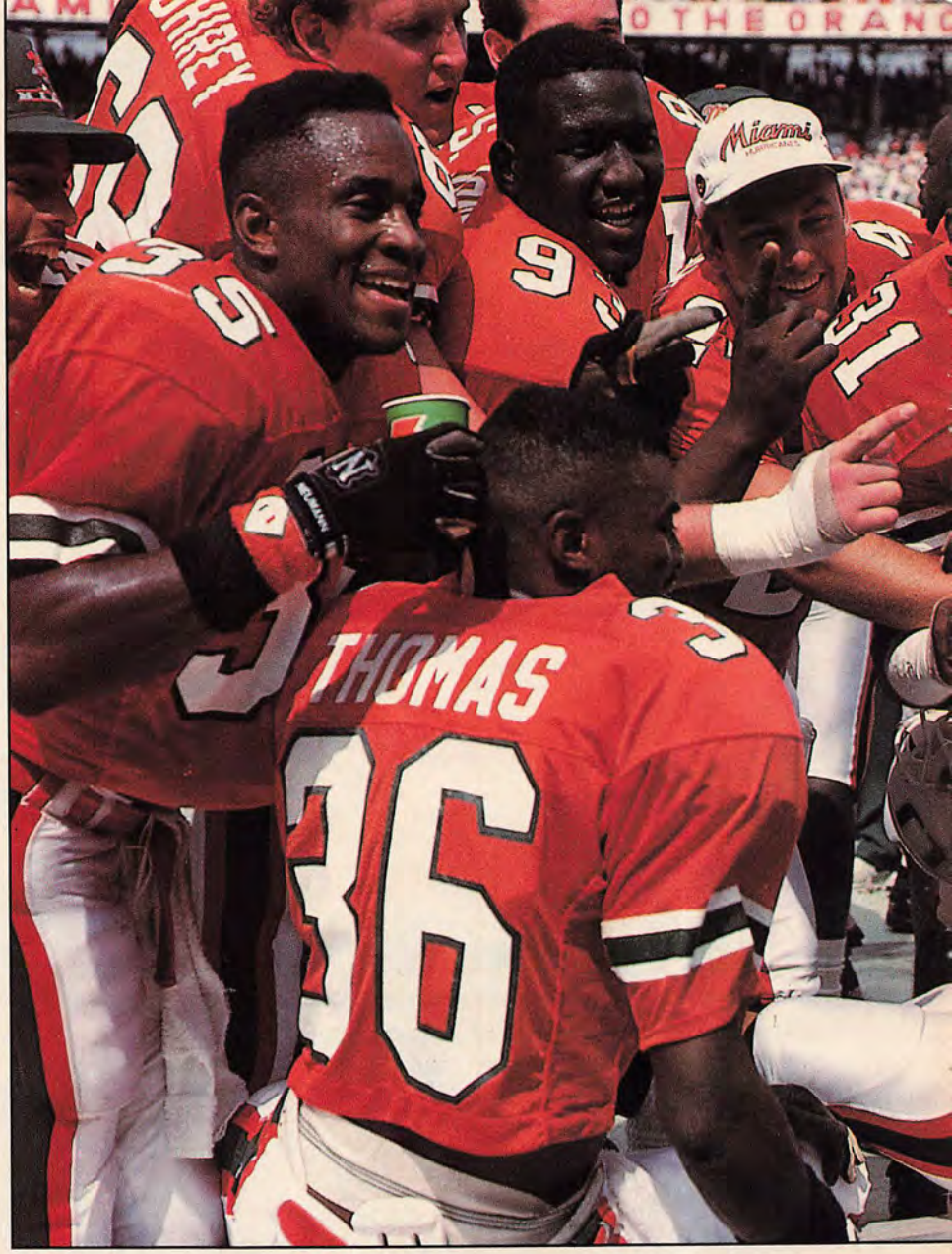
### 1 Miami

Never has the cliché "They don't rebuild, they reload" been more true than with the University of Miami. From Howard Schnellenberger to Jimmy Johnson to Dennis Erickson, the Hurricanes have rolled off one of the most impressive runs in the history of college football. Consider:

- Miami, which shared wire-service titles with Washington last season, is the first team ever to finish No. 1, 2, or 3 in the final polls five straight years.
- Miami posted a 99-20 record in the 1980s, won three national titles, and placed second twice.
- Miami will be going for its 10th straight New Year's Day bowl game.
- Miami has won 45 straight games in its home stadium, the Orange Bowl.
- Miami has won at least 10 games every season since 1984.

Moreover, contrary to their outlaw reputation, the Hurricanes perform pretty well in the classroom. In each of the last two classes 17 seniors either earned degrees or are on the verge of graduating, and quarterback Gino Torretta will play this season with his diploma already in his back pocket.

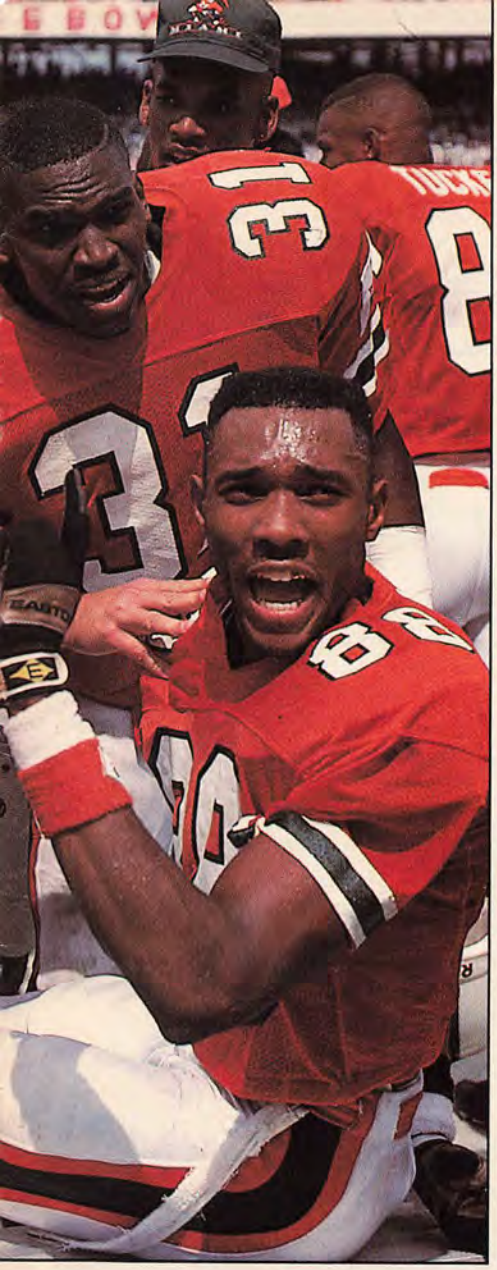
The statistic that puts most fear into opponents, however, is this: Only seven starters and 12 of the top 44 players from last year's national champs were




### 1991 Big East Standings

| School | Conference W | Conference L | Conference T | Overall W | Overall L | Overall T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami* | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Syracuse | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Pittsburgh | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| West Virginia | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Rutgers | 2 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Virginia Tech | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Boston Coll. | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Temple | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |

Miami defeated Nebraska 22-0 in the Orange Bowl.
Syracuse defeated Ohio State 24-17 in the Hall of Fame Bowl.
*The conference champion was determined by which team had the highest ranking in the final regular-season *USA Today*/CNN Top 25 Coaches' Poll. Miami was ranked No. 1 in the poll and therefore was the Big East champion. Syracuse was ranked No. 16.



**Miami is reloading for another shot at the Big East crown—and perhaps the national title.**

seniors. They most definitely do not rebuild. They reload.

"Obviously our skilled areas are as good as most people's," says Erickson, "and our linebackers [are] as good as any in the country."

This isn't to say life is completely carefree for Erickson. The offensive line lost three starters, including All-America Leon Searcy. Fullback Stephen McGuire underwent knee surgery prior to the Orange Bowl game and sat out spring practice. Free safety Darryl Williams skipped his final year of eligibility to enter the NFL draft. Placekicker Carlos Huerta, who ranks second on the all-time NCAA scoring list, graduated.

In Miami's overall makeup, however, these are no more than simple blemishes. All the rest of the parts are in perfect working order. The linebackers may indeed be the best in the country. The wide receiving corps returns virtually intact. Fullback Larry Jones (6-0, 244), third-string most of last season, emerged as the Orange Bowl MVP.

Then there is Torretta. A year ago, the critics were predicting an end to Miami's string of quarterback stars. This, they said, was Torretta's package: no real speed, no real experience, no real chance. After all, a college recruiter once told him he wouldn't be good enough to play for the Hurricanes—and that was a member of the Hurricanes' own staff.

Now, after a near-perfect season, Torretta's bio includes these highlights: a 99-yard touchdown pass; a school-record 485 yards passing against San Diego State; Big East offensive player of the year; Heisman Trophy candidate.

Perhaps Torretta's strength is that he knows he does not have to carry this team. There are plenty of stars around him. Just look at wide receiver, where Lamar Thomas (five career games with more than 100 yards receiving) Horace Copeland (19.1-yard average), and Kevin Williams (All-American punt returner) lead the returnees. The Hurricanes are so deep that sophomore Chris Jones (6-3, 202), a certain starter at almost any other school, will have trouble getting the ball. If he does get a chance, he might be the surprise of the team.

Talk about reloading.

## 2 Syracuse

From the moment he put on a Syracuse uniform, Qadry Ismail was more than just Raghib's little brother—at least to those inside the Orangemen's program. Those on the outside were blinded by the exploits of "the Rocket" at Notre Dame. They never bothered to look closely at Qadry's potential.

For a while, however, potential was all there was. Qadry had all the right moves, all the tools, and any other cliché you can ascribe to an acrobatic athlete who combines grace and speed—except for one thing. "In 1990," recalls Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni, "he did not do a good job of catching the ball." That might be an understatement. Qadry did not make a catch that season and became known as little more than a return man. Then came 1991.

"Qadry worked very hard over the summer and offseason," Pasqualoni says. "In 1991 he was very confident of his ability to make something happen after he caught the ball. On the first pass of the season to him, he nearly broke it."

Going from all potential to All-America in one year, Qadry made 37 catches for 693 yards and three touchdowns. He rushed for 216 yards and three touchdowns on just 12 carries. In addition, he ran back 19 kicks for a 25-yard average and one touchdown, which solidified his position as the nation's most dangerous return man.

Want a big play? Look no further than "the Missile." His seven touchdowns averaged 54 yards. Twenty-one of his 68 plays went for more than 25 yards. He even had 209 all-purpose yards against Florida State, which was ranked No. 1 at the time. And he's back this year, better than ever. "Sometimes in recruiting you have to be lucky," says Syracuse athletic director Jake Crouthamel, "but Qadry wasn't a surprise to us."

Qadry epitomizes the strength of Syracuse: skill players. With veteran quarterback Marvin Graves and a bushel of receivers, running backs, and defensive backs, the Orangemen will not be outquicked by anyone, including mighty Miami.

After a 10-2 season and their fourth straight bowl victory, the Orangemen appear poised to challenge the Hurricanes. It could all come down to November 21 in the Carrier Dome, when the two biggest of the beasts in the Big East collide. "Miami is still the measuring stick in the Big East, and I'm not going to predict that anybody is going to stop them," says Pasqualoni. "But I will say this: You can't believe

### Returning Big East Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gino Torretta (Sr.) | Miami | 1 | 205 | 371 | 3,095 | 20 |
| Marvin Graves (Jr.) | Syracuse | 2 | 131 | 221 | 1,912 | 10 |
| Glenn Foley (Jr.) | Boston College | 3 | 153 | 298 | 2,225 | 21 |
| Alex Van Pelt (Sr.) | Pittsburgh | 5 | 227 | 398 | 2,796 | 15 |
| Darren Studstill (Jr.) | W. Virginia | 7 | 85 | 168 | 1,055 | 8 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| David Walker (Sr.) | Syracuse | 1 | 169 | 969 | 5.7 | 7 |
| Adrian Murrell (Sr.) | W. Virginia | 2 | 201 | 904 | 4.5 | 7 |
| Tony Kennedy (Sr.) | Virginia Tech | 3 | 143 | 684 | 4.8 | 10 |
| Stephen McGuire (Sr.) | Miami | 4 | 123 | 608 | 4.9 | 9 |
| Darnell Campbell (Sr.) | Boston College | 5 | 128 | 645 | 5.0 | 3 |
| Jermaine Williams (Jr.) | Pittsburgh | 7 | 137 | 615 | 4.5 | 3 |
| Chuckie Dukes (Sr.) | Boston College | 8 | 97 | 612 | 6.3 | 2 |
| Vaughn Hebron (Sr.) | Virginia Tech | 9 | 109 | 524 | 4.8 | 3 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chris Bouyer (Sr.) | Pittsburgh | 5 | 39 | 640 | 16.4 | 4 |
| Lamar Thomas (Sr.) | Miami | 6 | 39 | 623 | 16.0 | 6 |
| Qadry Ismail (Sr.) | Syracuse | 7 | 37 | 693 | 18.7 | 3 |
| Horace Copeland (Sr.) | Miami | 8 | 31 | 592 | 19.1 | 4 |
| Chris Brantley (Sr.) | Rutgers | 9 | 30 | 410 | 13.7 | 2 |
| Bo Campbell (Sr.) | Virginia Tech | 10 | 29 | 494 | 17.0 | 7 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

the intense rivalries in the Big East games already. It was like pouring gas on the fire."

Graves will be just a junior, but he already has loads of experience. He was the first freshman to earn a starting position at Syracuse since freshman eligibility was initiated in the early 1970s. At 6-1 and 196 pounds, he is strong enough to take punishment and quick enough to create plays. He can also rise to the occasion, such as when he completed 13 of 16 passes for 162 yards and two touchdowns against Florida in the Gators' only loss of the season. "His best skills," says Pasqualoni, "are how smart he is and how well he runs the offense."

It also helps when the offensive line maintains its consistency. The same linemen and tight end started every regular-season game last year, a phenomenal figure in such a physical sport. Three of those linemen will have to be replaced this year. Heading the returnees is All-America contender Terrence Wisdom, a 6-4, 296-pound guard.

On defense, a key will be whether linebacker Dan Conley can return from the knee surgery that sidelined him for the final nine regular-season games. With Conley out, noseguard Kevin Mitchell emerged to lead the team in sacks with nine and unassisted tackles with 64, a school record for a down lineman. Linebackers Chip Todd (6-1, 244) and Glenn Young return. The big question on defense for the Orangemen will be at safety, where three starters are gone. Junior cornerback Dwayne Joseph, a starter as a true freshman, is the lone returnee. "If I had to pinpoint a major concern," says Pasqualoni, "it would be the secondary." If he plugs that hole Pasqualoni will turn his team into a major concern for Miami.

## 3 Rutgers

With a little quarterbacking, a few breaks, and continued tough defense, the Scarlet Knights could be the league's surprise team. Only it won't be much of a surprise to them. "I think we have enough physical talent coming back to make [a bowl appearance] more than a wild and crazy dream," coach Doug Graber told reporters after the recruiting season.

The schedule certainly enhances their chances. The Scarlet Knights have Pitt, Penn State, West Virginia, and Virginia Tech at home. Their toughest road trip is to Syracuse the week after they play Penn State. They do not play Miami.

There won't be many teams that will be favored to defeat Rutgers, particularly if the Knights play defense like they did last year, when they ranked 27th in the nation. Nine starters from that unit return. One of the losses, outside linebacker Elnardo Webster, will be difficult to replace, but when your defense started five sophomores and two freshmen in a 41-0 win over Temple in the season finale, there is plenty of reason for optimism.

The leaders on defense include two defensive backs with bright futures: junior Jay Bellamy, already into his third season as a starter, and Malik Jackson, who had 76 tackles. Shawn Williams returns at outside linebacker after collecting 13 sacks last year.

Seven starters on offense also return, including wide receiver Jim Guarantano, who set a school record with 62 catches. He gained 740 yards and finished tied for 12th in the nation in catches per game. Four of Rutgers' five other leading receivers also are back.

Senior center Travis Broadbent (6-2, 275), Second Team All-Big East last year, anchors the line. The top five rushers, including tailback Antoine Moore (627 yards), return.

The big story could be at quarterback, because last year's starter, Tom Tarver, has graduated. Eligible is Bryan Fortay, a home-grown high school All-American who attended Miami for two seasons before transferring and sitting out 1991. Senior Derek McCord (6-3, 218) completed 18 of 39 in five games as Tarver's back-up.

Two other transfers could help—6-6, 300-pound offensive lineman Scott Vaughn from Clemson, and speedy wide receiver Mario Henry from South Carolina.

The kicking game was young and could get better. Placekicker John Benestad, who made six of 12 field goals, is a junior. David Dunne (38.7-yard average) and David Lipetz (36.5, with five inside the 20) share punting duties.

The Scarlet Knights' biggest problem, odd as it may seem, might be handling prosperity. The program has seen its share of adversity in recent years. Its only postseason appearance came in the 1978 Garden State Bowl. The last winning season was in 1987, and the last time the Scarlet Knights won seven games was in 1984. Graber was 3-8 in his debut two years ago. "We need to have a little more mental toughness to compete week in and week out," says Graber.

At the same time, though, Rutgers has been quietly building toward this level. The team has recruited well and gained confidence. Here's how Webster summed up the future after his final game: "We can only go up from here. I can't wait to come back in 5 or 10 years and watch Rutgers blow people out."

## 4 West Virginia

Thirteen might just be a lucky number for coach Don Nehlen. After a ho-hum 6-5 season, Nehlen is hoping an imposing defense, an experienced quarterback, and solid skill players will lead him to his eighth postseason game in 13 campaigns.

"We have good speed at all the skill positions and good size at the blocking positions," says Nehlen, who is 87-51-2 at West Virginia. "We lack experience in some key areas, but I think there are people here to step in. We have some guys in our program who have reached their time to step forward. It's their turn to make some things happen. I think they're capable and anxious to do that."

One spot that won't need a replacement is quarterback. Junior Darren Studstill is back after completing 51% of his passes for 1,055 yards. His major flaw was throwing 13 interceptions, compared to eight touchdowns. "Yes, he was inconsistent last year," says Nehlen, "but when he was good, he was pretty good and got better." He'll actually have competition this year as transfer Jake Kelchner becomes eligible.

The running back duties are in the capable hands of senior Adrian Murrell (6-0, 200), who finished second in the league in rushing, with 904 yards. A strong offensive line is anchored by Mike Compton (6-7, 289), an All-America candidate at center.

The major concern on defense is the secondary, where three key players are gone. However, the talent pool is large enough to make Nehlen smile. It helps ease his anxiety that "we have linebackers and defensive ends who can run." The down line and linebacking positions are deep, led by Wes Richardson (114 tackles). If they avoid the injuries that plagued last year's line, the Mountaineers could be just as impressive up front.

Perhaps the most comforting aspect of the defense is that the scheme will be familiar. West Virginia switched to a 4-3 last year. Now that they've played it for a season, the players understand the system better.

**Syracuse's Ismail—'the Missile'—is an explosive big-play receiver and kick returner.**

The schedule is challenging. West Virginia plays the wrong Miami at home. The Mountaineers open with Miami of Ohio. On October 31—appropriately, Halloween—they play at the other Miami.

## 5 Pittsburgh

Steel City seems an unlikely place for a soap opera, but that's just about what life has been like for the Panthers the last few seasons. First there was coach Mike Gottfried's departure, then came a litany of player dismissals and transfers, and last season a scrimmage in the dark after a 38-12 loss to Boston College.

Since the end of last season, five assistants have departed, star defensive players Keith Hamilton and Sean Gilbert have skipped town before their senior years for the bright lights of the NFL, and punter Kevin Leon won't be available for the first four games of 1992. Yes, problems abound for the Panthers in Steeltown.

All the turmoil has left coach Paul Hackett with a record of 9-12-1 in two full seasons and left others wondering just how much control he has over the program. Before anyone thinks about canceling his show, though, consider that talented quarterback Alex Van Pelt is a senior, a core of talented players returns, and good recruiting classes are helping to build a solid base.

Van Pelt may not have reached the heights his potential suggests he can, but he is a reliable major-college quarterback who completed 57% of his passes for 2,796 yards last season.

Van Pelt has some talented skill players back with him, such as tailback Curtis Martin, wide receiver Chris Bouyer, and tight end Rob Coons. However, wideouts Dave Moore and Eric Seaman, who combined for 91 catches, have graduated. Center Chris Cestili leads the line returnees, and a big lift is expected from tackle Mike LiVorio, who missed last season.

The biggest building job is on defense, where the line and secondary were practically wiped out by departures—and this from a team that finished next-to-last in the Big East in total defense and sixth in scoring defense. Heading the list of returnees up front is nose guard Tom Barndt. Inside linebackers Tom Tumulty and Charles Williams combine with Barndt to give the Panthers an imposing force in the middle. Safeties Doug Whaley and Vernon Lewis will need all their experience if the Panthers cannot mount a pass rush.

## 6 Virginia Tech

If ever a team fell victim to its schedule, Virginia Tech did last season. Starting with their second contest the Hokies played five straight away games, including a trip to Oklahoma and a meeting with Florida State in the not-so-neutral town of Orlando. The game brought Tech a cool $800,000 but also took it to 1-4 on the road trip.

Tech rallied with three straight home wins before quarterback Will Furrer was injured. The Hokies then lost to bowl-bound East Carolina and Virginia to finish a disappointing 5-6. "That [early schedule] was a killer—both who we were playing and the physical part of it," says coach Frank Beamer. "It was early, so we were trying to fight our way back, and when we did, the quarterback went down, and we never got over the hump."

This year's schedule is user-friendly. The Hokies play no more than two straight road games. They have Miami and archrival Virginia at home. Even better, they open with Division I-AA James Madison, which could be a key trial period because of the uncertainty at quarterback.

With Furrer gone, quarterbacking is indeed the great mystery. The heir apparent is Maurice DeShazo, who spent more time at other positions than at quarterback last season. He is an athlete with game-breaking running ability. His 15 rushing attempts averaged 7.4 yards. He also caught three passes at wideout when he played there because of injuries to others.

A lot will be asked of DeShazo or whomever starts at quarterback, because mistakes plagued the Hokies last year. They lost 32 turnovers, including five interceptions in a 7-0 defeat at North Carolina State. The bright spot on offense is center Jim Pyne (6-2, 255), who is being touted for All-America honors. The rest of the line is questionable.

The skill positions are solid, with veterans Tony Kennedy and Vaughn Hebron (1,208 combined rushing yards) at tailback, and senior Bo Campbell (29 catches, 7 TDs) at flanker.

The defensive front is in flux. Three starters are gone. Veteran Jerome Preston (68 tackles) underwent knee surgery at the end of last season and missed spring practice. He is expected to return at full-speed, but nothing is ever certain with knees. Linebacking, however, could be excellent. Returning are outside linebacker P.J. Preston—Jerome's cousin—and inside linebacker Rusty Pendleton, who each had 64 tackles. The outside positions are particularly deep. Tyrone Drakeford and Kirk Alexander lead the secondary.

"We're going to be using a lot of players who have had little or no playing time in the past," says Beamer, now in his sixth year. "How quickly they come together will determine our fate."

## 7 Boston College

The schedule says Boston College opens its 1992 season on September 5 at home against Rutgers, and indeed that game could be pivotal to the fortunes of both teams.

In a manner of speaking, though, BC began the 1992 season on November 23, 1991. That's when the Eagles fought mighty Miami to the wire before losing 19-14. The defeat left BC with a 4-7 record, but it also left coach Tom Coughlin talking about improved quality of play and a much-needed confidence boost. Not coincidentally, it gave a lift to the school's recruiting efforts, which included signing four skill players from the talent-rich state of Florida.

Now the Eagles are hoping to combine that momentum with 11 returning defensive starters, an emerging star at quarterback, and a respectable ground attack to recapture the spirit of the 1980s, when BC made a number of bowl appearances. A nonconference schedule that includes Notre Dame, Penn State, and Michigan State will make the postseason a difficult goal to reach, but the Eagles do not play Miami this year, and three of their four Big East foes must come to Alumni Stadium.

Although the team will be strong on both sides of the ball, defense headlines this show. Leading the returnees is All-Big East linebacker Tom McManus, who set a school record with 165 tackles last season—seventh-best in Division I-A. That total included 25 stops in the opening game against Rutgers, which BC lost 20-13.

BC held opponents to fewer yards and points overall but allowed 83 points in the fourth quarter. Depth and experience might change that figure. In all, 20 of the top 22 defensive players return.

Big plays from the secondary could make a difference. The Eagles came up with only nine interceptions, but cornerbacks Joe Kamara and Michael Reed were redshirt freshmen last year. Strong safety Jay McGillis was just a sophomore.

Linebackers Stephen Boyd and David Jones also started as redshirt freshmen last season. The interior line returns three seniors: tackles Ron Stone (6-5, 265) and Mike Marinaro (6-3, 267), and nose guard John Stolberg (6-2, 251).

Leading the offense is quarterback Glenn Foley (6-2, 215), a junior who already has 21 career starts. Already fourth on BC's career passing yardage list, Foley is coming off a league-best 21-touchdown season. He completed 51.3% of his passes for 2,222 yards.

Sophomore Pete Mitchell will be asked to replace the most significant loss to graduation—tight end Mark Chmura, the team's career reception leader, with 164. Mitchell debuted with 29 catches and three touchdowns last year. Darnell Campbell and Chuckie Dukes, each with a 200-yard rushing game last season, return to pace a surprisingly strong rushing attack. They'll run behind an offensive line that returns four starters. The two-deep depth chart includes four players who weigh at least 270 pounds. Receivers Clarence Cannon and Keith Miller, who combined for 48 catches, 839 yards, and nine touchdowns, return.

## 8 Temple

The good news for Temple is that the Owls do not open with road games at Alabama, Pitt, and Clemson, as they did last year. The bad news is twofold: They still play six road games that are sure to swell their frequent-flyer accounts as well as their loss total (Kansas State, Washington State, Akron, Miami, Boston College, and Penn State), and they lost 14 starters and 23 lettermen from a 2-9 team that committed 33 turnovers.

"This football team, if you look at it from the surface, may not have the overall talent that last year's squad had," says coach Jerry Berndt, who just two years ago was 7-4. "However, our 1992 team is going to be a better team. We have an opportunity to be successful. This team has potential." Berndt, who signed 25 players during recruiting, is encouraged by the team's speed and its offensive line, which returns three starters and two other lettermen. Junior tackle Tre Johnson (6-3, 299) is big-time.

Fullback Efrain Cabrera will get the ball more this year, partly by design, partly out of necessity. The three top rushers graduated. Even Berndt admits that quarterback "looks questionable," with only one candidate who has ever taken a snap in a game. Temple finished 95th in the NCAA in total offense last year.

Berndt has a tremendous rebuilding job on defense. The entire front wall—two outside linebackers, two tackles, and a nose guard—must be rebuilt. There is a little experience and a lot of potential at inside linebacker but not enough to overcome all the losses on the unit. This is, after all, a team that gave up a league-worst 26.4 points per game, including an average of 34 in its last four.

—THOMAS O'TOOLE

# Atlantic Coast

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Florida State
2. Clemson
3. Georgia Tech
4. Virginia
5. North Carolina
6. North Carolina State
7. Duke
8. Maryland
9. Wake Forest

Atlantic Coast Conference coaches who have spent years campaigning for respect in football can rest easy: Florida State is coming to the rescue. Just look at what coach Bobby Bowden and company bring to a conference that except for Clemson traditionally concentrates on basketball:

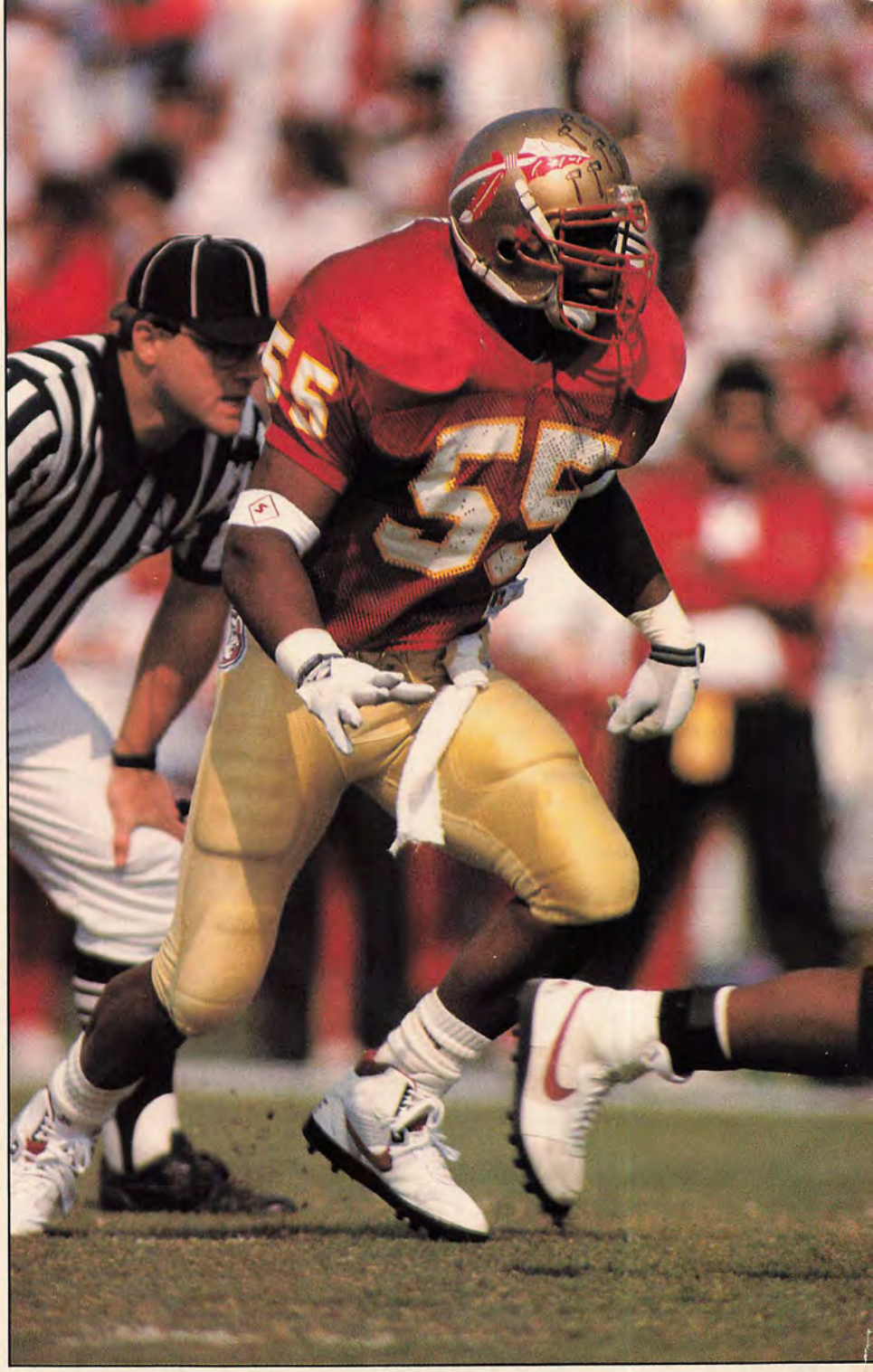
- **Respect:** The Seminoles have been ranked fourth or better in the last five Associated Press polls. They spent most of last season as the nation's No. 1 team and are a sure bet to make a run at the title again this season. The only Division I-A school with a better winning percentage since 1987 is Miami.
- **Name recognition:** Bowden is considered one of the offensive geniuses of the game. He is the third-winningest coach in college football since 1982 and the seventh-winningest ever, with 216 victories. He has led the Seminoles to seven consecutive bowl victories.
- **Marketability:** The program is a major reason the ACC consummated an alliance that sends the regular-season champion to either the Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl, or Cotton Bowl.
- **Exposure:** A larger television market will expose the ACC to a recruiting hotbed in the Sunshine State and bring in more dollars under the league's revenue-sharing plan.

"It's like anything," says Wake Forest coach Bill Dooley. "You get a reputation, and it stays with you.

### 1991 ACC Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Clemson | 6 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| N.C. State | 5 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Georgia Tech | 5 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 0 |
| Virginia | 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| North Carolina | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Maryland | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Wake Forest | 1 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Duke | 1 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Florida State* | — | — | — | 11 | 2 | 0 |

Clemson lost to California 37-13 in the Citrus Bowl.
North Carolina State lost to East Carolina 37-34 in the Peach Bowl.
Georgia Tech defeated Stanford 18-17 in the Aloha Bowl.
Virginia lost to Oklahoma 48-14 in the Gator Bowl.
Florida State defeated Texas A&M 10-2 in the Mobil Cotton Bowl.
*Was not a member of the conference in 1991.



The reputation is that the ACC is a basketball conference, no matter what happened in football. I was always known as a three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust coach, and we throw it all over the place. Hopefully, Florida State will come in and bring us the prestige we deserve."

### 1 Florida State

This may be the first time around the ACC for FSU coach Bobby Bowden, but not for junior quarterback Charlie Ward. Ward was the starting point guard for the Seminoles basketball team that finished second in the conference behind Duke last season. He could hold the key to the football team's success as well—if he can replace Heisman Trophy runner-up Casey Weldon.

All Weldon did in a season and a half as the starter was compile a 17-2 record and guide his team to within a missed field goal of Bowden's first national title. "Great athlete, great leader, great person," Bowden says of Ward. "When we went from Peter Tom Willis to Casey Weldon we were able to do a lot more with our offense. If we end up going from Weldon to Ward, we'll be able to do even more."

Ward brings many of the characteristics he showed on the basketball court to the football field. He's smart, he makes good decisions, and he has great instincts. Ward may need all that. The Seminoles lost six starters on offense, including one entire side of the line.

Amp Lee's early departure to the NFL left a hole in the backfield, but only a small one. Back is junior Sean Jackson, who rushed for nearly 400 yards

**In their inaugural season in the ACC, Jones' Seminoles will be on a chopping spree.**

behind Lee. As the starter in the Cotton Bowl Jackson won the most valuable player award, with 119 yards on 27 carries. Sophomore Marquette Smith, *USA Today*'s 1990 high school offensive player of the year, may be better.

Bowden is all smiles when he talks about the defense. "It's unbelievable," he says. "If I had to say which was stronger, the offense or the defense, I'd have to say the defense. We've been better on offense until the last five years, but the reason we've taken this program to another level is because of the defense."

Led by Lombardi Trophy finalist Marvin Jones at linebacker, five starters return from last season's unit that finished fifth nationally. The biggest concern is replacing both cornerbacks, including Terrell Buckley. He opted to forego his senior season for the NFL after winning the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top defensive back. However, there always seems to be a great defensive back lurking in the background in Tallahassee. The Seminoles have produced a consensus All-American at the position for three straight seasons.

Depth also favors FSU defensively. "There must be at least 25 guys who have some game experience on that side of the ball," Bowden says.

He'll need every one of them, because the Seminoles play outside the league against Miami, Tulane, and Florida.

## 2 Clemson

If Ken Hatfield feels threatened by Florida State's presence in the league, he's not showing it. Why should he? The Tigers have the third-best winning percentage in college football over the last five years, bettered only by FSU and Miami. They have played the Seminoles on almost even terms recently, and Hatfield has just as many career wins (92) and bowl appearances (10) since 1982 as FSU coach Bobby Bowden.

Replacing four First Team All-Americans and 10 starters will be the challenge this season. The losses included outside linebacker Levon Kirkland, third in school history in sacks, and inside linebacker Ed McDaniel, third in school history in tackles. Also gone is DeChane Cameron, the winningest quarterback in school history.

Fortunately for Hatfield, he has replacements who are more than adequate. Senior linebackers Wayne Simmons and Ashley Sheppard are as good as any in the league. Junior Richard Moncrief—Cameron's back-up—was the most valuable player in last season's Coca Cola Bowl win over Duke in Japan.

The best example of Clemson's depth is the backfield. When Ronald Williams was lost for the year in the fifth game with a knee injury, junior Rodney Blunt stepped in and rushed for 792 yards. Fullback Rudy Harris added 527 yards and 11 touchdowns. The Tigers finished eighth nationally, with 255 yards rushing per game.

For a team that usually scares away good wide receivers, the Tigers also are loaded in that department. Back is all-conference selection Terry Smith, whose 52 catches last season were the most by a wide receiver in the ACC, and the most by a Tiger in 10 years. He'll be flanked by Larry Ryans, who has world-class speed.

Topping last season's defensive numbers will be difficult for the Tigers. Clemson led the ACC in eight categories, including total defense, with 253.2 yards allowed per game, and rushing defense, with 53.4 per game. Replacing All-ACC nose guard Rob Bodine is a priority. Hatfield hopes Brentson Buckner, a tackle last year, will be his man.

The rest of the defense is solid, especially the secondary, where three starters return. Heading that group is senior Robert O'Neal, a candidate for the Thorpe Award and All-America honors, at free safety.

## 3 Georgia Tech

Talk about luck. Bill Lewis stumbled onto perhaps the most exciting quarterback nobody heard of last season in Jeff Blake, who guided East Carolina to an 11-1 record and a No. 9 ranking. That was good enough to land Lewis a job at Georgia Tech, where he inherited Heisman Trophy candidate Shawn Jones. Lewis also inherited 11 starters and 54 lettermen from a team that won the national title two years ago and won eight of 13 games last season.

Jones led the Yellow Jackets in total offense last season, with 2,649 yards. He rushed for 361 yards and a team-leading seven touchdowns, and completed 178 of 339 passes for 2,288 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also threw 18 interceptions, but that can be attributed to trying to do too much to compensate for an inexperienced backfield and line.

Inexperience won't be a problem this season. Sophomore Jimy Lincoln, who rushed for 913 yards on 200 carries in 1991, is back at tailback.

Lewis' chief concern is the offensive line. Tech was hit hard by graduation for the second straight season, and the team also lost two projected starters to medical hardship. The defense also suffered some major losses in All-America safety Ken Swilling, cornerback Willie Clay, and inside linebacker Jerrelle Williams. Williams led the team in tackles, and Swilling was an All-America candidate who was slowed by injuries.

Not all is bad, though. Back are All-America candidates in linebacker Marco Coleman and tackle Coleman Rudolph. The former led the team in tackles for loss (11) and was second in sacks (10) last season, while the latter led in sacks (13) and was second in tackles for loss (seven).

## 4 Virginia

That the Cavaliers were beaten 48-14 by Oklahoma in the Gator Bowl isn't significant. That they were in the Gator Bowl is. Last season was supposed to be a rebuilding year for George Welsh.

Instead, the Cavaliers won seven of their final nine games to finish 8-3-1, and Welsh was named ACC coach of the year. The only blemish over the final eight regular-season games was a 20-20 tie against nationally ranked Clemson.

Quarterback will be the key. Of the four prospects, fifth-year senior Bobby Goodman is the leading candidate. He played in nine games last season and completed 27 of 44 passes for 431 yards. He'll compete with B.J. Hawkins, a transfer from Notre Dame who is coming off a wrist injury, as well as Symmion Willis and Mike Groh.

Whoever gets the nod is certain to hand off more than any Virginia quarterback for the past few years. Senior tailback Terry Kirby (953 yards) gives the Cavaliers their best running threat since they had Barry Word in 1985.

The line is solid, with seven experienced players back—eight, if guard Mark Dixon is healthy. Dixon had back surgery and missed half of last season. He is questionable for this season.

Virginia made its biggest improvement on defense. First-year coordinator Rick Lentz had the Cavaliers ranked No. 5 nationally in points allowed after 10 games. The leader of that unit, end Chris Slade, is back. Slade had 99 tackles—21 for losses—and eight sacks a year ago. On the other end is Mike Frederick, who finished seventh in tackles but first in passes swatted down (seven). Anchoring the line is tackle Mark Krichbaum. The

### Returning ACC Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dave Brown (Sr.) | Duke | 3 | 230 | 437 | 2,794 | 20 |
| Shawn Jones (Sr.) | Georgia Tech | 4 | 178 | 339 | 2,228 | 11 |
| Keith West (Sr.) | Wake Forest | 5 | 153 | 296 | 1,969 | 9 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Natrone Means (Jr.) | North Carolina | 1 | 201 | 1,030 | 5.1 | 11 |
| Terry Kirby (Sr.) | Virginia | 2 | 164 | 887 | 5.4 | 7 |
| Jimy Lincoln (Jr.) | Georgia | 3 | 199 | 913 | 4.6 | 2 |
| Anthony Barbour (Sr.) | N.C. State | 4 | 124 | 769 | 6.2 | 3 |
| Rodney Blunt (Jr.) | Clemson | 5 | 160 | 706 | 4.4 | 4 |
| Randy Jordan (Sr.) | North Carolina | 7 | 124 | 618 | 5.0 | 7 |
| John Leach (Jr.) | Wake Forest | 8 | 104 | 503 | 4.8 | 2 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Henry Mills (Sr.) | Wake Forest | 1 | 51 | 559 | 11.0 | 1 |
| Frank Wycheck (Jr.) | Maryland | 2 | 45 | 438 | 9.7 | 1 |
| Corey Holliday (Jr.) | North Carolina | 4 | 40 | 504 | 12.6 | 2 |
| Terry Kirby (Sr.) | Virginia | 6 | 37 | 406 | 11.0 | 2 |
| Todd Dixon (Jr.) | Wake Forest | 7 | 35 | 695 | 19.9 | 7 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

secondary is led by Keith Lyle, who broke up four passes and had a team-leading two interceptions.

## 5 North Carolina

Now that he has stabilized a North Carolina program that won only two games his first two seasons combined, Mack Brown is ready to take it to the next level. "We've gone from awful to competitive," Brown says. "Our next step is to move into the upper echelon."

The Tar Heels finished fifth in the league last season, with a 3-4 record, but their 7-4 overall record gave them their first consecutive winning seasons since 1982-83. They also placed seven players on the All-ACC team, including three first team selections.

The most critical concern is the offensive line, where four starters are gone. The rest of the offense is in its best shape in a decade, especially at quarterback. Senior Chuckie Burnette is healthy and confident. Jason Stanicek is back after an impressive freshman season, and sophomore Mike Thomas is back after tearing a ligament in his thumb. You can expect the Tar Heels to run more options and pass more on first down, Brown says.

The Tar Heels were predominantly a running team a year ago. Junior Natrone Means rushed for 1,030 yards and led the league with 103 yards per game. Senior Randy Jordan rushed for another 618 yards to finish seventh in the ACC with a 56.2 average.

The defense lost one of the league's premier players in linebacker Eric Gash, but just about everybody else is back from a unit that allowed only 3,491 yards—the school's fewest since 1983. Linebackers Thommy Thigpen and Jonathan Perry will anchor the "50" defense up front. Strong safety Cookie Massey leads a secondary that lost no starters.

Other than the offensive line, Brown's top concern is his kicking game. Gone is Clint Gwaltney, who made 43 of 64 career field goals and set a UNC record with 56 consecutive extra points. Also gone is Eric Blount, who established ACC records in combined kick-return yards, kickoff returns, and kickoff-return yardage.

## 6 North Carolina State

Since arriving from Furman seven years ago, coach Dick Sheridan has compiled a 43-26-2 record. Last season the Wolfpack tied the school record for most wins in a season when they went 9-3. Sheridan isn't satisfied, though. He hasn't yet won an ACC title, finishing second for the second time last season.

Perhaps this is the year. The Wolfpack return 59 lettermen and 14 starters, including the entire backfield and most of the defense from last season's Peach Bowl team. Senior Terry Jordan, who missed eight games with a broken arm, will be back at quarterback. Jordan finished third in the league in passing efficiency two years ago and was on his way to another such season—he completed 38 of 68 passes for 511 yards and four touchdowns—before being injured. If Jordan struggles, Sheridan won't hesitate to use sophomore Geoff Bender, who led the team in total offense with 985 yards, or sophomore Terry Harvey. The rest of the backfield isn't bad, either. Senior tailback Anthony Barbour, who rushed for 726 yards, is back. So are senior fullback Greg Manior and junior flanker Ray Griffis.

The trouble is on the offensive line. Sheridan's problems up front began before graduation. Projected starters Mike Gee and Brent Bagwell became medical casualties, Gee from a shoulder injury sustained during a high school all-star game and Bagwell from a knee injury when he fell through a porch.

Everyone but tackle Mark Thomas returns on the defensive front. Ricky Logo will start at middle guard and John Akins at tackle.

The strength remains linebacker, despite the loss of leading tackler Billy Ray Haynes. Tyler Lawrence, a junior who led the team in tackles for loss with eight and tied for the team lead in sacks with four, will start at outside linebacker. Senior David Merritt, the team's second-leading tackler in 1991, is back at inside linebacker.

Mike Reid, Sebastian Savage, Dewayne Washington, and Ricky Turner return to a secondary that went from young and inexperienced last season to one of the best in the ACC. Reid led the team with 14 passes broken up and was third on the team in tackles. Savage led the way with five interceptions.

## 7 Duke

Quarterback Dave Brown checked his marketability in the NFL after last year and decided to return for his fifth season in Durham, N.C. Nobody is happier than second-year Blue Devils coach Barry Wilson. "He's a legitimate pro prospect," Wilson says. "Why shouldn't I be happy?"

Brown isn't the only one who keeps Wilson smiling. The return of senior tailback Randy Cuthbert and senior nose tackle Scott Youmans gives him optimism that the Blue Devils can improve on last season's 4-6-1 record. Cuthbert led the ACC in rushing in 1989 and was the second Duke running back to surpass 1,000 yards. He slumped to 595 yards in 1990, due to injuries to both knees, and played in just two games last season because of a neck injury. "With him in the lineup, teams can't just focus on our passing game," Brown says. Youmans gives Duke a dominating player up front when he's healthy. He missed half of the 1990 season with an ankle injury and broke his leg in the second game last season. "Last year he was getting double-teamed and still was effective," Wilson says. "We can't afford any more injuries like that."

Wilson believes Duke is due for a season without substantial injuries. In seven games last season the Blue Devils lost at least one starter. As a result, a 4-1-1 start was negated by an 0-5 finish.

A standout year from Brown is the key offensively. The 6-5 senior completed 230 of 437 passes for 2,794 yards and 20 touchdowns a year ago. He'll have tackles Brandon Moore and Matt Williams and right guard Steve Aldefer back to protect him and block for Cuthbert, one of the league's more punishing runners.

Throw in tight end John Farquhar, who caught 20 passes for 275 yards last season, and the Blue Devils have as much offense as most teams in the league.

## 8 Maryland

New coach Mark Duffner brings to Maryland from Holy Cross a run-and-shoot offense and a defensive philosophy built around speed and disruption. Fourteen starters return from last season's team, which finished 2-9 under Joe Krivak. Eight are back on offense, including four wide receivers who should fit right into Duffner's plans.

Leading the way is junior Frank Wycheck, the most prolific two-year receiver in school history. Operating from the slot, Wycheck has caught 103 passes for 947 yards since his arrival on the College Park campus. Joining Wycheck will be wideouts Marcus Badgett and Richie Harris. Badgett, a senior, caught 16 passes for 336 yards; Harris added 12 for 171 a year ago.

Finding a quarterback will be a priority. John Kaleo, a senior, and Tony Scarpino are the only returning players with experience. Kaleo, the junior-college player of the year in 1990, has the upper hand. He completed 19 of 55 attempts for one touchdown and four interceptions as a back-up to James Sandwisch last season. Look for redshirt freshman Scott Milanovich and Tom Marchese also to receive serious consideration.

The rest of the backfield is solid, with Mark Mason back for his senior season. The 5-8, 180-pound speedster rushed for 452 yards on 82 carries and averaged 119 all-purpose yards per game before breaking his right leg in the season's fifth week.

Duffner should have plenty to work with up front, too. The only starter lost to graduation was at center. Tackle Steve Ingram, the team's best lineman before breaking his leg in the season opener, is back.

The biggest overhaul will come on defense, where the Terrapins surrendered a league-worst 421 yards a game in 1991. Look for a gambling, blitzing unit built around the speed of linebacker Michael Jarmolowich. The 6-2, 235-pound senior led the ACC in tackles last season with 153 and was named the league's defensive back of the week four times.

Also back is Dave Marrone, who had 92 tackles playing beside Jarmolowich. Three starters return in the secondary, as does cornerback Scott Rosen, a 1991 co-captain before he was sidelined in the first game with sciatica. Most of the questions remain up front, where end Mark Sturdivant is the only returning starter.

## 9 Wake Forest

The Demon Deacons return 12 starters from last season's team, which won two of its last three to finish 3-8. Most of the talent is on offense, where tight end John Henry Mills and quarterback Keith West return. Mills topped the ACC with 51 receptions a year ago. Five other Deacons receivers who caught at least 15 passes in 1991 are back, including speedster Todd Dixon, who averaged 19.9 yards on 35 catches.

Much will fall on West's shoulders. As he improved last season, so did the Deacons. After a slow start he finished with 1,960 yards passing and a 51.7% completion rate. He guided Wake Forest to a season-high 52 points in the finale against Navy. Behind West in the I-formation will be junior fullback Mitch Kennedy and junior tailback John Leach, who rushed for 503 yards in 10 games. West should benefit from an offensive line that returns four starters, led by junior center Mike Siders.

Defensively, Wake Forest returns its entire secondary, led by all-conference cornerback George Coghill. The 6-1 senior led the team in interceptions with four and ranked among the national leaders in punt returns with a 12.5 average. Also back are senior ends Maurice Miller, the team's most valuable player in 1991, and Mike McCrary. Miller led the team with 91 tackles, and McCrary was the leader in sacks (10) and tackles for loss (six).

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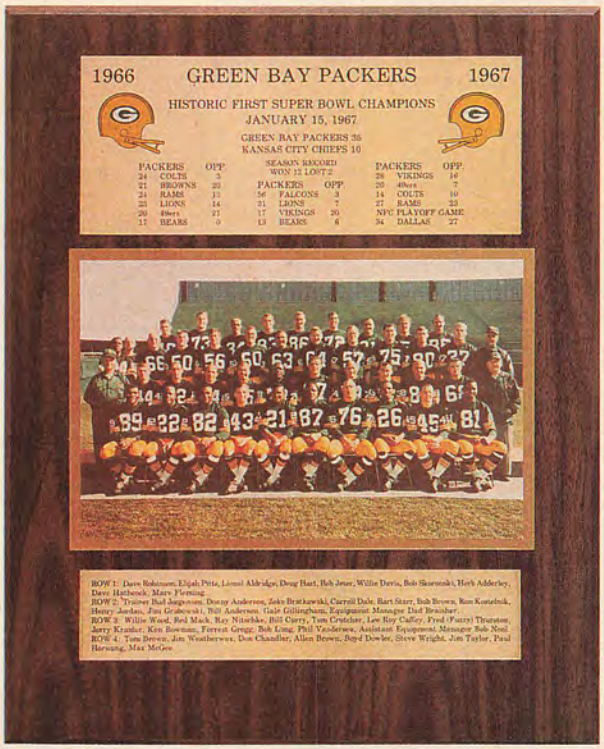

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**EAST**

1. Florida
2. Georgia
3. Tennessee
4. Vanderbilt
5. South Carolina
6. Kentucky

**WEST**

1. Alabama
2. Mississippi State
3. Auburn
4. Arkansas
5. LSU
6. Mississippi

It's a whole new ballgame in the Southeastern Conference in 1992—literally. That new ballgame will be played December 5 at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala. The SEC embarks this fall on a new divisional format to accompany the growth from 10 to 12 teams. Newcomer Arkansas joins Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Mississippi State, and Ole Miss in the West, while newcomer South Carolina settles into the East with Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt. The divisional winners meet in a playoff game that will determine the conference champion and Sugar Bowl representative.

So who will show up on that historic Saturday? Florida's a strong choice to represent the East. The Gators swept through the league unbeaten last year to clinch their first outright SEC championship. The defense will have to reload, but in the talent-rich Sunshine State that won't be as big a problem as it would be in a lot of other places. And here's a warning: The Florida offense, led by quarterback Shane Matthews, may be more potent than ever.

### 1991 SEC Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Florida | 7 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Alabama | 6 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Tennessee | 5 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Georgia | 4 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Mississippi St. | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 0 |
| LSU | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Vanderbilt | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Auburn | 2 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Mississippi | 1 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Kentucky | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Arkansas* | — | — | — | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| South Carolina* | — | — | — | 3 | 6 | 2 |

Alabama defeated Colorado 30-25 in the Blockbuster Bowl.
Georgia defeated Arkansas 24-15 in the Independence Bowl.
Mississippi State lost to Air Force 38-15 in the Liberty Bowl.
Tennessee lost to Penn State 42-17 in the Fiesta Bowl.
Florida lost to Notre Dame 39-28 in the Sugar Bowl.
*Was not a member of the conference in 1991.

Georgia shapes up as Florida's most serious challenge in the East. Ray Goff is beginning to reap benefits from a couple of outstanding recruiting classes, and sophomore quarterback Eric Zeier should be ready for a banner season. Tennessee slipped only slightly last fall after back-to-back SEC titles, but the dropoff will be more drastic this year. Andy Kelly and Carl Pickens are gone, and the defense was gutted.

South Carolina, Kentucky, and improving Vanderbilt will scramble to round out the East. It's hard to tell where the Gamecocks will fit in, but a shock to their system is likely in their first run through the SEC gauntlet. Vanderbilt came within one game of a winning season last fall in its first year under Gerry DiNardo and didn't do it with mirrors. Kentucky was a doormat in Bill Curry's second year, but a year of maturity for this very young team should pay off.

In the West, Alabama and—surprise!—Mississippi State appear the most likely candidates for that Legion Field date. The Crimson Tide rode an ornery defense to an 11-1 record last fall, and if Gene Stallings can get some good quarterback play this year there's no reason Alabama can't make it to the playoff and what will amount to a home-field advantage. The league signed a five-year pact with Birmingham to host the playoff game, which caused some grumbling. "Birmingham has been a strong town for both Alabama and Auburn," says Tennessee coach Johnny Majors. "I'd say there would be some advantages for Alabama playing [there]."

While traditional powers Auburn and LSU are struggling to regain their footing, Mississippi State could emerge as Alabama's stiffest challenge. Jackie Sherrill brought instant credibility to the Bulldogs last fall, forging a 7-5 record, including 4-3 in conference play. Much of the talent returns, and a host of impressive newcomers makes State a serious threat. Then there's the schedule: Alabama, Auburn, and Florida each visit Starkville.

Arkansas, long a power in the Southwest Conference, is trying to bounce back after a couple of down years. The evidence suggests the Razorbacks are going in the right direction again, but there will be some lumps to take in the tough SEC. Mississippi swooned badly after a fast start in '91, and it's difficult to see the Rebels managing an upper-division finish in '92.

Whoever winds up with the title will have earned it like no other team in SEC history. As recently as a few years ago teams played a six-game conference schedule. Then it went to seven. This fall, it becomes eight. Throw in the title game and it's nine. By the time the champions get to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl, they may be too beat to boogie on Bourbon Street.

### SEC East

#### 1 Florida

Bad news for the rest of the SEC: Don't take a lot of encouragement in Florida's graduation losses. This year's model could be even better than last year's squad that went 7-0 in league play and won the conference title.

Two-time SEC player of the year Shane Matthews returns at quarterback and is surrounded by veteran talent at most skill positions. The only hitch is that the offensive line lost four first-teamers, who had a combined 114 career starts. "We lost a lot of talent at the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball," notes coach Steve Spurrier.

**Twice SEC player of the year, Matthews is the gunslinger for a veteran Florida posse.**

On offense, the biggest shoes to fill belong to a pair of All-SEC stars: center Cal Dixon and guard Hesham Ismail. The lone returnee is guard Jim Watson. Spurrier isn't lacking for candidates, though. It's a matter of which young players make the most improvement.

The other key vacancy on offense is tight end, a workhorse position in Spurrier's spread-the-field passing game, and the news there is good. Greg Keller is back after missing last year with a broken collarbone, and prep All-American Jeremy Kennedy is a sure bet.

Florida led the league in pass offense by a whopping margin last year, and Matthews has three of his top four wideouts back. Willie Jackson was a surprise with 51 catches and 10 touchdowns. He's joined by Harrison Houston (eight TDs) and Tre Everett.

Matthews, who led the SEC in passing efficiency, threw 28 TDs last year, nearly twice as many as any other league quarterback, and completed 60% of his attempts. Besides leading the SEC in rushing with 1,109 yards, tailback Errict Rhett also caught 40 passes, second only to Jackson on the team. The losses of Willie McClendon and Dexter McNabb open the door for someone to help Rhett share the

rushing load. It could be Kedra Malone, Kevin Rudolph, or Chris Bilkie.

The big defensive losses are also up front, namely All-SEC tackles Brad Culpepper and Tony McCoy, but Florida also will miss Fee Bartley, their "Gatorback," and linebacker Tim Paulk.

There may not be a Culpepper or a McCoy in the line, but the Gators figure to have solid replacements. Kevin Carter was a freshman star at end. Since Harvey Thomas is back at the other end, Darren Mickell could slide inside to tackle. Veteran William Gaines could start at tackle but missed spring practice. Ellis Johnson is in the picture.

Carlton Miles is a stalwart at one inside linebacker. His value was obvious from the way Notre Dame exploited the Gators after Miles was hurt in the Sugar Bowl. Ed Robinson and Jason Bartley head the battle to succeed Paulk. Myrick Anderson is back at "bandit," and Marquette Oliver and Monty Grow are after the Gatorback job.

The secondary is all back, led by free safety Will White and sophomore cornerback Larry Kennedy. What began last year as a queston mark is now a strength.

## 2 Georgia

The marquee names for the Bulldogs are on offense, and they're names that should be up there for a while: Eric Zeier, Andre Hastings, Garrison Hearst.

Zeier, a true freshman, took the starting quarterback job in his fifth game and proceeded to set Georgia season records for pass attempts, completions, and yardage (1,984). Granted, passing records at Georgia are not like passing records at, say, Stanford, but Zeier is the real deal. Perhaps most impressive for a freshman, he was intercepted only four times in 286 attempts, an SEC accuracy mark. The 48 receptions by flanker Hastings were also a school record.

Tight end Shannon Mitchell will push for All-SEC honors, and Zeier will have two new junior college targets, Ha'son Graham and Jerry Jerman. Hearst, meanwhile, has already amassed 1,685 rushing yards in his first two seasons and heads a veteran backfield.

The offensive line boasts four returning starters and junior-college transfer center Scott Brownholtz could round out the No. 1 unit. Depth is excellent.

Goff has seven defensive starters to replace, including three-fourths of the secondary and both inside backers: Dwayne Simmons, an All-SEC selection, and John Allen, a three-year starter. Strong safety David Hargett and corner Chuck Carswell will be missed, as will Curt Douglas, a starter at tackle.

Having a pipeline to Northeast Oklahoma A&M, a junior-college powerhouse, should be a godsend. Charlie Clemons and Danny Ledbetter (originally an Auburn signee) starred as inside linebackers at NEO last year and could well do the same at Georgia this fall. Pencil in Greg Tremble, another NEO standout, at one of the corners.

Mitch Davis and Carlo Butler are the top outside linebackers. Donnie Maib and Casey Barnum return up front, but veteran nose guard Willie Allen is gone.

## 3 Tennessee

What the NFL draft did to Tennessee's offense a year ago it did to the defense last spring. Johnny Majors and defensive coordinator Larry Lacewell must replace virtually every impact player.

The biggest headache is on the defense. Senior end Todd Kelley was one of the sack leaders last year, and he'll have to make even more big plays this fall. Lacewell hopes Shane Bonham, a transfer from Air Force, can emerge at end. Junior-college signee Paul Yatkowski could also find immediate playing time. J.J. Surlas returns at one tackle. Jason Layman was one of the top prep linemen in the nation two years ago, but it remains to be seen if he's ready to step in and play after a redshirt season on the scout team.

Strong safety Rod Lewis is the only veteran back in the secondary. Redshirted junior-college transfers Dave Thomas and Victor Brown will find jobs waiting. J.J. McCleskey might move back to the corner from receiver if needed.

Linebacker should be interesting. Reggie Ingram should win the middle slot, with sophomore Ben Talley and Willie Richards top candidates on the outside.

On offense, Vols fans are eager, even after losing career passing leader Andy Kelly, a three-year starter. They've been chomping at the bit to see sophomore Heath Shuler take over. Shuler has a cannon of an arm and is a dangerous runner who can handle the option. On the downside, the inexperienced Shuler will be breaking in behind an offensive line that returns only one starter from last season, guard Mike Stowell.

The Vols are well-stocked at tailback. Aaron Hayden and James (Little Man) Stewart are back after banner freshman campaigns, and JC signee Charlie Garner could prove to be the breakaway threat that was missing last year. With Carl Pickens gone, McCleskey might have to stay at receiver. Craig Faulkner and Cory Fleming will be busy targets. Junior-college All-America Billy Williams may make an impact.

## 4 Vanderbilt

The Commodores surprised everybody with a late four-game winning string that included three—count 'em—SEC victories and a 5-6 overall mark. Nine starters are back on the defensive side of the ball for Vanderbilt, as is the key man on offense, quarterback Marcus Wilson, who led the conference in scoring last fall despite playing only eight games.

Wilson proved adept in running the I-bone that coach Gerry DiNardo brought from Colorado, but the Commodores must plug in a new workhorse to replace the departed SEC back of the year, Corey Harris. Candidates abound, including returnees Tony Jackson and Eric Lewis and touted newcomers Cliff Deese and Jermaine Johnson. Vandy's recruiting class was ranked No. 20 by guru Tom Leming and included blue-chip fullback Royce Love. However, fullback is already one of Vandy's best positions, with Carlos Thomas and Sam Chalmers back.

Vandy ranked last in SEC passing offense last year, and DiNardo wants Wilson to become more of an aerial threat. Leading receiver Clarence Sevillian and Second Team All-SEC tight end Pat Akos are back. Center Kevin Brothen will be tough to replace on the offensive line.

The secondary returns intact, led by cornerback Robert Davis. Outside linebacker Shelton Quarles

### Returning SEC Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shane Matthews (Sr.) | Florida | 1 | 218 | 361 | 3,130 | 28 |
| William Robinson (Sr.) | Mississippi St. | 2 | 77 | 141 | 1,167 | 8 |
| Chad Loup (Jr.) | LSU | 4 | 102 | 174 | 1,181 | 9 |
| Eric Zoler (So.) | Georgia | 5 | 159 | 286 | 1,984 | 7 |
| Jesse Daigle (Jr.) | LSU | 6 | 61 | 119 | 879 | 5 |
| Pookie Jones (So.) | Kentucky | 7 | 81 | 138 | 954 | 3 |
| Brad Smith (Sr.) | Kentucky | 8 | 53 | 94 | 561 | 3 |
| Russ Shows (Sr.) | Mississippi | 9 | 99 | 198 | 1,369 | 4 |
| Stan White (Jr.) | Auburn | 10 | 158 | 317 | 1,927 | 8 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Errict Rhett (Jr.) | Florida | 1 | 224 | 1,109 | 5.0 | 10 |
| Garrison Hearst (Jr.) | Georgia | 3 | 153 | 968 | 6.3 | 9 |
| James Stewart (So.) | Tennessee | 5 | 190 | 939 | 4.9 | 8 |
| Aaron Hayden (So.) | Tennessee | 6 | 145 | 704 | 4.9 | 7 |
| William Robinson (Sr.) | Mississippi St. | 8 | 154 | 543 | 3.5 | 5 |
| Joe Frazier (So.) | Auburn | 9 | 140 | 651 | 4.7 | 4 |
| Marcus Wilson (Sr.) | Vanderbilt | 10 | 144 | 496 | 3.4 | 11 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Willie Jackson (Jr.) | Florida | 2 | 51 | 725 | 14.2 | 10 |
| Andre Hastings (Jr.) | Georgia | 4 | 48 | 693 | 14.4 | 5 |
| Errict Rhett (Jr.) | Florida | 6 | 40 | 361 | 9.0 | 0 |
| Craig Faulkner (Jr.) | Tennessee | 8 | 35 | 509 | 14.5 | 1 |
| J.J. McCleskey (Sr.) | Tennessee | 8 | 35 | 391 | 11.2 | 0 |
| Harrison Houston (Jr.) | Florida | 10 | 33 | 618 | 18.7 | 8 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

and inside linebacker Gerald Collins are the top tacklers. The defense must mature if Vandy is going to get over .500. Special teams must also improve. Opponents averaged 13.4 yards per punt return last year. On the other hand, two-time All-SEC punter David Lawrence is back.

### 5 South Carolina

Coach Sparky Woods has two main objectives for survival this fall: (1) to break in a new quarterback, and (2) to solidify the defense.

Two-year starter Bobby Fuller is gone at quarterback, and there's not a single candidate who has started a college game. Wright Mitchell appeared in five games last year (13 of 24 for 152 yards). If anyone beats him out it could be Blake Williamson, a redshirt freshman.

Most of the receiving corps is gone as well—notably pro prospects Robert Brooks and Eddie Miller. The good news is that Brandon Bennett is back at tailback. He gained 702 yards as a true freshman. Rob DeBoer will also help the rushing game. Tackle Ernest Dye—a whopper at 335 pounds—and guard Antoine Rivens head the offensive line.

The secondary could be good. All four starters are back, and there's not a senior in the bunch. Strong safety Tony Watkins and cornerback Frank Adams are the leaders.

The Gamecocks need to come up with some answers on the edges. Both starting ends and both outside linebackers are gone. Senior Keith Franklin is expected to nail down one outside spot and Lawrence Mitchell the other. Mitchell, a highly touted recruit two years ago, suffered a season-ending injury in the opener last fall. Up the middle things look better. Nose tackle Cedric Bembery and inside linebacker Eric Brown are strong points.

The schedule doesn't do Carolina any favors. The Gamecocks must play at Florida and Alabama, and the nonconference schedule includes East Carolina and Clemson.

### 6 Kentucky

The Wildcats had the dubious distinction of ranking last in total offense and defense in Bill Curry's second season. One reason can be divined from the depth chart of the season-ending Tennessee game. Of 54 players who participated, 31 were freshmen or sophomores.

Nine offensive starters and eight on defense return. The good news on offense is that the line should be better, with four starters back, and that Pookie Jones should be much more comfortable beginning his sophomore season as the starting quarterback. Curry has tinkered with the offense to highlight Jones' athletic abilities, so look for a few option plays and shorter pass drops to avoid putting undue pressure on the line for protection.

The tailback corps is deep, if still young, with Damon Hood, Craig Walker, Clyde Rudolph, Donnie Redd, and Carlos Collins vying for carries. The Cats hope junior fullback Terry Samuels can come closer to his considerable potential than he did last year. The receiving corps has several possible impact newcomers, topped by junior-college transfer Alfonzo Browning, who picked Kentucky over Washington. Redshirts Leon Smith and James Tucker are others to watch.

The defense will determine how much the Wildcats can improve from an 0-7 league finish last fall. Inside linebacker Marty Moore led the SEC with 183 tackles last fall and will need more help. Some could come from linebacker Emerson Wells. Brad Armstead, who had four interceptions despite missing a couple of games, heads the secondary. Three JC transfers must help shore up the front line: Jim Brown, Billy Lofton, and Howard Carter Jr.

Veteran kicker Doug Pelfrey, who was four of six from beyond the 50, is a weapon.

## SEC West

### 1 Alabama

Alabama begins the new era of the SEC West on the strongest footing. On offense everyone is back except tailback Siran Stacy and fullback Kevin Turner. The defense has bigger holes to fill but also has the talent pool from which to fill them.

Stacy and Turner combined for 1,400 rushing yards and ranked third and fourth, respectively, on the receiving chart. They will be missed, but regardless of where he lines up—and that may change from play to play—sophomore David Palmer becomes the new marquee player on the Crimson Tide offense.

The diminutive and utterly elusive Palmer was a flanker one minute, running back the next, and even quarterback on occasion. He also led the SEC and ranked No. 3 in the nation in punt returns at 16 yards per attempt, with three touchdowns. No doubt coach Gene Stallings will give opposing defensive coordinators fits by moving Palmer around the way he did in the Blockbuster Bowl win over Colorado.

Putting Palmer at quarterback isn't such a wild and crazy idea, considering nobody else on the Alabama depth chart conjures memories of Joe Namath. Sophomore Jay Barker won the job in midseason last year and begins as the incumbent triggerman for a passing attack that ranked ahead of only I-bone-oriented Vanderbilt in the SEC.

If Barker stumbles, redshirt freshman Brian Burgdorf could get a shot, but the Tide failed to land a blue-chip signee. The leading receivers are Palmer, Prince Wimbley, Kevin Lee, and tight end Steve Busky. Derrick Lassic is the leading returning tailback but faces competition from several candidates.

Alabama's defense was the key to its success last year, allowing only 10.73 points per game to rank No. 3 in the nation. The biggest holes to fill are up the middle, as inside linebacker John Sullins and nose tackle Robert Stewart are gone. But the cupboard isn't bare.

Ends John Copeland and Eric Curry return, along with inside linebacker Derrick Oden and outside linebacker Lemanski Hall. Senior Antonio London could become a big-play linebacker in the tradition of Keith McCants, Derrick Smith, and Cornelius Bennett.

The secondary loses strong safety Stacy Harrison and cornerback Mark McMillian, but George Teague and Antonio Langham are candidates for postseason honors.

### 2 Mississippi State

The Bulldogs were the most improved team in the league a year ago, jumping from ninth to fifth in total offense and eighth to fourth in total defense. Since 18 of 22 starters return, the improvement should continue.

Coach Jackie Sherrill, naturally, received most of the praise for giving State its first winning season in five years. Long-suffering Bulldogs fans helped set a Liberty Bowl attendance record in nearby Memphis. "The biggest thing he brought was a change of attitude," says linebacker Daniel Boyd.

On offense, only tight end Trenell Edwards is missing, and replacement Treddis Anderson actually had more catches and touchdowns last year than Edwards. The offensive line, led by All-SEC guard John James, is State's best in years.

Quarterback William (Sleepy) Robinson was a surprise last fall, leading the Bulldogs in rushing and ranking second in the SEC in passing efficiency. Robinson rambled for 543 yards and scored five rushing touchdowns. His passing was selective, but he completed 54.6%, with seven interceptions and eight touchdowns. Greg Plump is available when the Bulldogs need a drop-back passer.

The much-anticipated arrival of receiver Olanda Truitt, a transfer from Pittsburgh, should perk up a Mississippi State passing game that includes Willie Harris and Tony James. James is also one of the league's best return men.

Tailback Kenny Roberts led the SEC last year in yards per carry (6.4), and SEC All-Freshman team member Michael Davis was third (6.2). But they'll have to make room for Kevin Bouie, a junior-college All-American.

Inside linebacker Boyd is All-SEC material and also was elected student body president. The outside linebackers returning are Marc Woodard and Keith Joseph, but the personnel could get juggled to find the best spot for Lateef Travis, a heralded junior-college transfer. Strong safety Frankie Luster and free safety Kelvin Knight (four interceptions) head a veteran secondary.

Mississippi State's schedule is tough, with the first two games on the road at Texas and LSU. However, the Bulldogs play Alabama, Auburn, and Florida at home.

### 3 Auburn

Last fall was supposed to be fix-it time for Auburn, but instead the Tigers just got more broken down. Their record slipped from 8-3-1 to 5-6, including a 2-5 SEC slate.

Coach Pat Dye's offense needs a big fix. Auburn was eighth in the league in scoring last year, and last in first downs and third-down conversions. Quarterback Stan White dropped to 10th in quarterback efficiency.

White is back, hoping to regain the precocious form he showed as a freshman. Last fall he threw 14 interceptions and eight TDs. An improved running attack would help take heat off White. Joe Frazier, last year's top gainer with 651 yards, leads a host of tailback candidates. Steve Davis, a blue-chip signee, will compete, if eligible, with Otis Mounds. Reid McMillon and Tony Richardson are the fullbacks. The Tigers will continue to throw the ball as long as Tommy Bowden is offensive coordinator, but Dye wants to run the ball more, an Auburn trademark.

Tight end Fred Baxter, White's favorite target last year, heads the returning receivers. Thomas Bailey, the team's most explosive player, is a play-breaking threat and also stars as one of the SEC's top return men. Freshman Frank Sanders could find a niche.

Only two starters return on the offensive line, tackles Chris Gray and Wayne Gandy, and two of

**The rise of the Tide can be attributed to the many phases of the elusive Palmer's game.**

the departures are big losses. Center Bob Meeks and guard Eddie Blake will be tough to replace.

Linebackers James Willis and Bennie Pierce are established leaders of the defense. Up front, Tim Cromartie, Ricky Sutton, and Chuckie Johnson return. Middle linebacker Darrel Crawford must be replaced, but Mike Pelton played well last year as a back-up.

Fred Smith, who earned his Tigers stripes as a freshman cornerback, is the only real starter returning in the secondary. The departure of dependable Corey Barlow leaves a hole at the other corner. Mike Pina and Calvin Jackson will make a run at the job. Clarence Morton takes over at strong safety, and sophomore Chris Shelling will get a chance to claim the free safety job.

The kicking game is uncertain. Jim Von Wyl, who led the SEC with 15 field goals, is gone. Punter Thery George is back, but he averaged only 37 yards last year, worst in the league.

The offseason workouts were extra tough, so look for the Tigers to be more hard-nosed. But that might not be enough to make them contenders.

## 4 Arkansas

One look at the Razorbacks' offensive stats last fall and you wonder how in the world they managed six wins. In four games they scored in single digits, and the highest output of the year was all of 29 points. Perhaps the most unlikely stat is a total of six rushing touchdowns. Hogs teams used to get that many in one game.

The answer is that those six wins came from defense. Six opponents scored 13 or fewer points, which should have earned first-year defensive coordinator Joe Kines a nice raise.

Five defensive starters are gone from the Independence Bowl lineup, including three in the secondary. Up front, the Razorbacks should be even better. Senior Ray Lee Johnson, a big-play threat, mans one end, and junior Henry Ford covers the other. Owen Kelly is back at nose guard and Scott Long at tackle. Darwin Ireland and Tyrone Chatman head the linebacking corps, and SEC opponents will find out that both can cover ground.

The obvious question mark is the secondary, where cornerback Orlando Watters is the only returning starter. Gary Adams, a converted quarterback, could start at one safety. Kines will have to adjust the emphasis from pass coverage in the run-and-shoot Southwest Conference to the stop-the-run-first SEC.

This year's new offensive coordinator is Greg Davis, the erstwhile Tulane coach, who is installing a one-back offense. E.D. Jackson could be the main back, but Tony Jeffery and Freddie Bradley are in the running.

The receiving corps is good, although it was underused last year. Ron Dickerson and Tracy Caldwell are threats, and newcomer Oscar Malone is highly touted. The question is getting the ball into their hands. Jason Allen is back to try to win the quarterback job after knee surgery. Wade Hill, Allen's successor and a former walk-on, is in the picture, as is Doyle Preston. Either of two blue-chip signees, Mike Cherry or Barry Lunney Jr., could make a case for playing.

The offensive line is good, though not deep. Guards Ray Straschinske and Isaac Davis will make their presence felt in the new league.

"This is a whole new league for us," says Crowe. "It's a very physical league, and we've still got a long way to go to compete for the championship. But we're closer than we were a year ago."

## 5 Louisiana State

The tipoff to divining the Tigers' 1991 season was strength of schedule. LSU played six teams that finished with a winning record and lost to all of them. They played five that finished with losing marks and beat every one.

It remains to be seen if LSU is ready to move up in Curly Hallman's second year, but the schedule should work in the Tigers' favor. They play seven games in Baton Rouge, including all of their toughest ones except Florida.

Problem areas abound, however. The defense wasn't very good last year (only Kentucky ranked worse), and several key starters are gone. Quarterbacking was also unspectacular, and the same candidates are back. The running game was downright bad, averaging 128 yards per game.

Ten starters return on offense, the only exception being All-SEC receiver Todd Kinchen. Chad Loup and Jesse Daigle split the quarterbacking last year; Loup generally got the better of it, but Daigle did have a 55-pass streak without an interception. Redshirt freshman Ryan Huffman hopes to get in the mix. The top six rushers are back, but none reached the 400-yard plateau a year ago. Vincent Fuller, Odell Beckham, Leo Abel, and James Jacquet head the cast, but LSU would love to see a freshman emerge. The Tigers signed a couple of blue-chippers. Expect to see a true freshman in the receiving corps.

Anchoring the line is Kevin Mawae, the first LSU player to make All-SEC as a sophomore since Tommy Hodson. If the Tigers can't punch it in the endzone at least veteran kicker Pedro Suarez is still around to get three.

Whatever problems the defense has, the secondary is not one of them. Strong safety Derriel McCorvey and free safety Anthony Marshall are All-SEC candidates. Raymond Young and Ivory Hilliard made the SEC All-Freshman squad.

Inside linebacker Ricardo Washington is a stalwart, and outside linebacker Roovelroe Swan will be if he can stay healthy. The defensive line struggled last year and will probably do so again.

## 6 Mississippi

Spring practice was a get-acquainted process, as Billy Brewer introduced six new coaches, including new coordinators on both sides of the ball. The staff purge followed a season-ending five-game losing streak that killed a 5-1 start.

Larry Beckish, a onetime Lou Holtz aide, is the new offensive boss. Russ Shows, the top quarterback, is a veteran, but last fall he threw nine interceptions compared to four TDs. Tom Luke, the Rebs' other quarterback alternative, might not be back in the fall because he is an outstanding baseball prospect.

Beckish likes the I-formation and has Marvin Courtney (454 yards, 9 TDs) back. The Rebels signed a batch of receiving prospects—LeMay Thomas, Joe Woods, and Cooper Manning. (Yes, he's Archie's son.)

Guard Everett Lindsey is a role model for any underdog. Originally a walk-on, he is projected as a First Team All-American on one NFL draft report.

Joe Lee Dunn came from Memphis State to install some derring-do in the Ole Miss defense. Dunn favors an aggressive, blitzing style. Veterans Artis Ford and Chad Brown will anchor the front.

Inside linebacker Pete Harris will be tough to replace, but the Rebels are hoping Dewayne Dotson, a transfer who left Tennessee, will make a difference. Strong safety Johnny Dixon and cornerback Danny Boyd bring strength to the secondary. Junior-college transfer Cassius Ware is another who could help a linebacking corps led by Gary Abide.

—MIKE STRANGE

# Big Ten

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Michigan
2. Ohio State
3. Iowa
4. Illinois
5. Indiana
6. Michigan State
7. Wisconsin
8. Purdue
9. Minnesota
10. Northwestern

Comedian Bill Cosby has a routine he calls "The Same Thing Happens Every Night." It's about how every night at the dinner table his wife would warn their kids that they were to finish dinner, promptly go upstairs and take a bath, put on their pajamas, and quietly go to bed. If they didn't do this, she would say, there would be trouble.

Invariably, of course, the kids would get into water fights, yelling, and mayhem, and the trouble would begin.

It's not unlike the situation in the Big Ten. Each season, the league's top teams head to their bowl games with lofty rankings and shiny records. Then the troubles begin. The Same Thing Happens Every Year.

Last season was no exception: Washington 34, Michigan 14 in the Rose Bowl; Syracuse 24, Ohio State 17 in the Hall of Fame; UCLA 6, Illinois 3 in the Hancock; and Iowa fans considered a 13-13 Holiday Bowl tie with Brigham Young as bad as a loss. It's obvious that if the Big Ten wants its first national champion since Ohio State in 1968, better preparation for bowl games is a must.

Or could it be that Big Ten teams just don't have the talent to win it all? One knock on the league in recent years has been its lack of speed, an area where Michigan coach Gary Moeller says he's trying to improve after the Washington massacre in the Rose Bowl. "The biggest difference was speed," the second-year Wolverines head coach says. "I've tried to get small kids who can run. They had some big kids who can run."

### 1991 Big Ten Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Michigan | 8 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Iowa | 7 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Ohio State | 5 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Indiana | 5 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| Illinois | 4 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Purdue | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Michigan State | 3 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Wisconsin | 2 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Northwestern | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |

Michigan lost to Washington 34-14 in the Rose Bowl.
Iowa tied BYU 13-13 in the Sea World Holiday Bowl.
Ohio State lost to Syracuse 24-17 in the Hall of Fame Bowl.
Indiana defeated Baylor 24-0 in the Domino's Pizza Copper Bowl.
Illinois lost to UCLA 6-3 in the John Hancock Bowl.

**Suspicious minds might doubt it, but Elvis—Grbac—is alive and well and plays in Ann Arbor.**

Like his predecessor, Bo Schembechler, Moeller knows that before he can think about winning in Pasadena he has to think about winning the Big Ten, and there's no reason to think the Wolverines can't finish at the top of the league for the fifth straight season. Unlike Ohio State, Michigan State, Iowa, and Illinois, which seem to produce Big Ten-champion caliber teams every two or three years, the Maize and Blue have the talent nearly every season, thanks to the pick of the Midwest recruiting crop.

Michigan is strong as ever this season, and with key games against Iowa, Michigan State, and Illinois all at home, the Wolverines definitely have the inside track. As usual, Michigan's Big Ten finale against Ohio State, to be played this year in Columbus, Ohio, will probably decide the Rose Bowl berth one way or another.

### 1 Michigan

The Wolverines are resetting their calendars. It's the year 1 A.D. (After Desmond).

When Desmond Howard decided to turn pro after his junior season, he carted off the Heisman Trophy and a good portion of Michigan's offensive output. No need to worry, though, as coach Gary Moeller has plenty of talent to pick up the slack. This Blue team, like many others before it, is packed with outstanding fifth-year seniors and enough quality underclassmen to make Michigan the heavy favorite for the Big Ten title.

Instead of one outstanding pass catcher, the Wolves will likely rely on two: Derrick Alexander, a speedy return man, and Yale Van Dyne, whose hands are among the best in the Big Ten. Senior quarterback Elvis Grbac should be at the top of the nation's passing efficiency chart, just as he was last season, when he hit 66% of his passes for 24 touchdowns and only five interceptions.

With Howard gone and some outstanding backfield and offensive line talent returning, look for Michigan's offensive emphasis to slide toward the run. Grbac will be handing off to a pair of stars in the making, junior Ricky Powers (1,187 yards last year) and sophomore Jesse Johnson (604). Three seniors will anchor the line: 296-pound tackle Rob Doherty (6-6, 296), center Steve Everitt, and 294-pound guard Joe Cocozzo.

The defense will miss linebacker Erick Anderson, the league's co-defensive player of the year in '91. There is no standout of Anderson's caliber returning on defense, but that's the way the Michi-

gan system works. Everybody plays a part. In fact, other than Anderson, no Wolverine cracked the top 30 on the conference's tackle list.

Experience makes up for the lack of star players on defense, though. Back to start for their third straight seasons are corner Dewayne Ware, safety Corwin Brown, and linebacker Martin Davis. How well Michigan's fly-around defensive scheme works with new personnel will determine how far this team goes. A national title is not out of the question.

"We're close," Moeller says. "I think we can get to that level."

## 2 Ohio State

To the other coaches in the Big Ten, Buckeyes linebacker Steve Tovar must seem like a nightmare that just won't come to an end. Tovar, like Michigan's Grbac, is one of those players who seems like he's been terrorizing Big Ten teams for about eight years.

Fact is, Tovar is good, and he has been for three seasons. The two-time All-Big Ten pick led the Buckeyes in tackles for the second straight year last season with 97. He leads a defensive unit that returns seven starters, including imposing strong safety Roger Harper (6-4, 225) and linebacker Jason Simmons, who rang up 10½ sacks last season.

Combine that defensive firepower with an offense that also returns seven starters, and you see what might become John Cooper's best team at OSU. The big question is at quarterback. Kirk Herbstreit shared time with the graduated Kent Graham in 1991 and saw action in all 12 games, but he only attempted 75 passes. Defenses tended to focus more on his scrambling than his throwing.

The unknown variable in the equation is sophomore Joe Pickens, a prep All-American who was "recruited by everyone," according to the OSU media guide. Pickens will need time to develop, though. He only got into three games last year and attempted just five passes.

The rest of the offense is rock solid. Linemen Alan Kline (6-7, 290), Len Hartman, Paul Long, Dave Monnot, and Jason Winrow (6-6, 290) are all back, as is tight end Cedric Saunders.

Then there's the backfield, perhaps the best in the Big Ten. Butler By'not'e—he of the 4.37 40-yard dash—returns after a 686-yard sophomore campaign. And things are all better with Robert Smith, UPI's national freshman of the year in 1990. Smith broke Archie Griffin's OSU freshman rushing record with 1,126 yards that season but quit the team in '91 after a dispute with assistant coach Elliot Uzelac. Uzelac has left the program. Smith's back on the team and ready to go.

## 3 Iowa

Coach Hayden Fry will be the first to tell you: Danan Hughes can do it all. As a junior, he averaged a whopping 18.7 yards a catch—tops in the Big Ten—on 38 receptions for 709 yards. Hughes is also a standout in baseball. He was a Third Team All-Big Ten pick in 1991, when he hit .360.

He'll be expected to hit a few home runs on the gridiron for Iowa this season after eight touchdowns in 1991. His runningmate should be Alan Cross, a senior. "The coaches voted Danan and Desmond Howard All-Big Ten last year, and they picked Danan over a lot of other good receivers," says Don Patterson, Iowa's quarterbacks and receivers coach. "I think it was because Danan is a physical runner and has great judgment. The big change I see this year is we might leave him on the field more than we have in the past."

What Danan would like to know is who's going to get him the ball. With the departure of Matt Rodgers, a Second Team All-Big Ten pick, Jim Hartlieb and Matt Eyde are vying for the QB job. Hartlieb saw limited action and is known more for his running ability. Eyde, a junior, is a live-armed 6-4 transfer from Michigan State who broke his ankle and was only back in action at the end of last season. "Jimmy has the edge," Patterson says, "but if one guy plays better, he might get the job."

Whoever earns the nod, chances are he'll start out by serving a steady diet of screen passes to fullback Lew Montgomery. The 212-pounder converted from halfback and flourished last season, with 463 yards rushing and 267 receiving.

Linemen Jeff Nelson and Mike Wells (11 sacks in '91) are the top defensive returnees, and they'll look for support from defensive back Scott Plate. Punting could be the Achilles' heel. The Hawkeyes netted a mere 29.2 yards per punt last season, and no help is on the way.

For once, Iowa's nonconference schedule is a killer. After the Kickoff Classic against North Carolina State and the annual meeting against Iowa State, the Hawks host Miami and play at Colorado. A repeat of their 10-win regular season of 1991 is a tall order.

## 4 Illinois

When John Mackovic left Illinois after three seasons to take the job at Texas, he made sure the school's quarterback tradition was intact. As a junior in 1991, Jason Verduzco led the Big Ten in passing yardage and total offense, and the Fighting Illini cranked out 261.5 passing yards per game, also tops in the league. Verduzco already has passed Jeff George for third place on the UI career passing list. What he wants is solid numbers every week. He couldn't get the offense kick-started in a 20-0 loss to Michigan in '91 and was 17 for 38 for 189 yards with three interceptions in a 6-3 Hancock Bowl loss to UCLA.

Now that former assistant Lou Tepper is in charge, the focus is on balance. He brought in former Notre Dame assistant Tom Beck to run the offense. "We want to continue the quarterback tradition at Illinois, and at the same time develop our running game," says Tepper, who saw the Illini finish No. 8 on the Big Ten's total rushing list.

If they don't improve, it won't be for lack of numbers. Steve Feagin, Clinton Lynch, Wagner Lester, injury-riddled Darren Boyer, and highly touted redshirt freshmen Melvin Roberts and Marvell Scott are all eager for carries. In addition, Tepper's first recruiting class includes the leading rusher in Illinois prep history, East St. Louis' Chris Moore, who is already talking about winning a Heisman Trophy.

Receiver John Wright will bid for All-Big Ten honors after snaring 559 yards in passes a year ago. Sophomore Scott Turner was this year's 400-meter conference track champion indoors, but he needs time to learn the receiver position after switching from defensive back a year ago.

What Verduzco is to the offense, linebacker Dana Howard is to the defense. As a freshman he emerged as one of the best run-stoppers in the league. He made Second Team All-Big Ten and compiled 134 tackles, including a school-record 20 solos in a win over Ohio State.

Linebacking will be the strength of the defense. Sophomore John Holecek was keeping pace with Howard until a knee injury wiped him out in

### Returning Big Ten Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Elvis Grbac (Sr.) | Michigan | 1 | 152 | 228 | 1,955 | 24 |
| Len Williams (Sr.) | Northwestern | 3 | 131 | 212 | 1,630 | 10 |
| Jason Verduzco (Sr.) | Illinois | 4 | 235 | 382 | 2,824 | 15 |
| Trent Green (Sr.) | Indiana | 5 | 189 | 318 | 2,462 | 12 |
| Jim Miller (Jr.) | Michigan St. | 6 | 130 | 218 | 1,368 | 6 |
| Eric Hunter (Sr.) | Purdue | 8 | 77 | 162 | 1,018 | 7 |
| Marquel Fleetwood (Sr.) | Minnesota | 9 | 143 | 276 | 1,642 | 5 |
| Jay Macias (So.) | Wisconsin | 10 | 54 | 117 | 585 | 3 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tico Duckett (Sr.) | Michigan St. | 2 | 272 | 1,204 | 4.4 | 5 |
| Ricky Powers (Jr.) | Michigan | 3 | 230 | 1,187 | 5.2 | 9 |
| Jesse Johnson (So.) | Michigan | 6 | 103 | 604 | 5.9 | 6 |
| Jeff Hill (Jr.) | Purdue | 7 | 116 | 678 | 5.8 | 3 |
| Antonio Carter (Jr.) | Minnesota | 8 | 165 | 660 | 4.0 | 1 |
| Butler By'not'e (Jr.) | Ohio State | 10 | 147 | 631 | 4.3 | 5 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eddie Thomas (So.) | Indiana | 3 | 50 | 629 | 12.6 | 2 |
| Thomas Lewis (Jr.) | Indiana | 7 | 39 | 581 | 14.9 | 6 |
| Danan Hughes (Sr.) | Iowa | 8 | 38 | 709 | 18.7 | 8 |
| John Wright (Sr.) | Illinois | 9 | 37 | 559 | 15.1 | 3 |
| Yale Van Dyne (Sr.) | Michigan | 10 | 35 | 478 | 13.7 | 2 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

**Tovar is a dream come true for the Buckeyes and a nightmare for Big Ten opponents.**

midseason, and redshirt freshman Mikki Johnson is expected to start after recovering from offseason surgery. The sum of the parts is a very young team with some redshirted freshmen who will need to grow up quickly.

## 5 Indiana

The Hoosiers made one of their most productive moves for the 1992 season a few years ago. That was when they scheduled Miami of Ohio for their season opener. In the '91 opener with Notre Dame they lost 49-27. In fact, Indiana had one of the tougher schedules in the country last season. All of IU's four losses—Notre Dame, Michigan, Iowa, and Ohio State—were on the road. The Hoosiers played Michigan (24-16) and Ohio State (20-16) close last year and blew out Michigan State (31-0). All the pieces will have to fall into place for that to happen again.

A 24-0 thrashing of Baylor in the Copper Bowl left coach Bill Mallory's squad the only Big Ten team to win a bowl last season. The final mark was 7-4-1; the tie came at Missouri, also on the road. "I would have liked to seen it [the record] better," Mallory says. "We had a tough road schedule, but we didn't cry about it. It was the toughest schedule we've had since I've been here."

As they say, what goes around comes around, and this year IU has Missouri, Michigan, Iowa, and Ohio State all at home, and a quarterback capable of winning all those games. Senior Trent Green holds the school's season passing-yardage record. He completed 59% of his throws a year ago. Moreover, he can hurt you with his feet. He led the Hoosiers in scoring, with 78 points, and averaged one touchdown run per game, as many as IU's '91 rushing leader, Vaughn Dunbar, now departed.

Mallory's biggest test will be finding a means of keeping Green out of harm's way. The only other returnees on offense are left guard Todd Smith and split end Scott McGowan, fourth on IU's '91 receiving list in '91 with 325 yards.

The defense lost its top five tacklers, including all three linebackers. The top returning lineman is Charles Beauchamp, a junior who had 62 stops last season. Also back are tackle Hurvin McCormack, cornerback Mose Richardson, and free safety Damon Watts.

## 6 Michigan State

Star running back Tico Duckett is looking for a few good holes, and coach George Perles has some. Unfortunately for Michigan State, they're the wrong kind.

Like at wide receiver, where the graduated Courtney Hawkins caught 656 yards in passes and averaged 27.4 yards on kickoff returns. Or at offensive tackle, where 314-pound Jim Johnson finished his career and became a top prospect in the NFL draft. Or at guard, where 312-pound Roosevelt Wagner bolted for the draft, taking his final year of eligibility with him. And then there's middle linebacker Chuck Bullough, the Big Ten's leading tackler as a senior in '91 with 175. He, too, is gone.

As always, the optimistic Perles will plug in people where he can and make the most of it as his club tries to rebound from a 3-8 season. One position he doesn't have to worry about is halfback, where Duckett is poised to have a monster year. A back with a 4.29 time in the 40-yard dash, he's already No. 3 on the MSU career rushing list (3,191). He needs 1,696 yards, three fewer than Indiana's Vaughn Dunbar had in '91 to lead the Big Ten, to surpass Lorenzo White for the top spot. "Tico has great feet. They're always close to the ground," Perles says. "And he has that gift of peripheral vision. Those, plus his speed, are God-given abilities. You can't teach those things."

Junior quarterback Jim Miller will try to take the pressure off Duckett by being more consistent than a year ago, when he threw for six touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

When Perles' 4-3 defense works, the middle linebacker is untouched, enabling him to scoot from sideline to sideline, collecting tackles as he goes. The two candidates to follow in the footsteps of Bullough and Percy Snow are sophomore Dale Person, from the same high school that produced Dick Butkus (Chicago Vocational), and junior John Dignan. Tackle William Reese (81 tackles) will anchor the defensive line.

## 7 Wisconsin

Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez will be the first to tell you that there are some benefits to winning—like having a two-deep lineup. "Last year, we didn't even have enough offensive linemen to scrimmage," says Alvarez, enjoying that two-deep lineup for the first time at Wisconsin. "We are going to have competition at every position."

There's no doubt Wisconsin is on the way up. The school strode to its winningest season in seven years and enters 1992 with a winning streak intact for the first time since 1983. The impetus was the defense, ranked 24th nationally, which returns Mike Thompson, a freshman All-American in '91 after making 105 tackles—more than any other Big Ten lineman. Linemate Carlos Fowler (87 tackles) is also back.

"Defensively, we need to pick up where we left off," Alvarez says. "Our defense and special teams kept us in ball games last season." The spark plug will be linebacker Gary Casper, a starter for parts of three seasons who had 129 tackles and is the Badgers' 10th-leading all-time tackler. The pressure spot will be the secondary, where both cornerbacks from '91, Eddie Fletcher and All-America Troy Vincent, are gone.

So is last year's quarterback, Tony Lowery. That departure opened up a spirited battle between Jay Macias, Darrell Bevell, Jay Simala, and Mike Statz. Macias started several games last year as a freshman, entered the spring No. 1, and is expected to hold the job.

Terrell Fletcher led the Badgers in rushing (446 yards), becoming the first true freshman to do so since Alan Ameche in 1951.

The Badgers' best football is ahead of them, and

**If the Hawkeyes go anywhere this year, coach Fry will surely say, 'I owe a lot to Hughes.'**

Alvarez hauled in one of the conference's best recruiting classes this year. Unfortunately for Badger fans, dividends—in the form of a possible first-division finish—will take at least another year.

## 8 Purdue

Patience, patience, patience. That's what Purdue coach Jim Colletto keeps telling himself as he waits for his program to grow up.

Being patient isn't easy, however, especially for a guy who produced NFL quarterbacks Scott Campbell and Jim Everett in his stint as Purdue's offensive coordinator, from 1982 to 1984. In those three seasons Purdue averaged 2,800 yards in the air and 1,600 on the ground. "There is a lot of great tradition here, particularly at quarterback," Colletto says. "Two quarterbacks have taken NFL teams to Super Bowl championships [Bob Griese and Len Dawson]. Purdue's tradition is as good as there is in the Big Ten."

This year, the tradition rests with senior Eric Hunter, who has to prove he can throw the ball consistently. Purdue's passing offense produced just 133.9 yards a game last season, ninth in the Big Ten. Sophomore Matt Pike will also make a bid for the starting job.

The running game is in good hands. Junior fullback Arlee Conners had 105 yards against

**Jason's back! The Hancock Bowl was like Friday the 13th, but Verduzco should steady in '92.**

Northwestern last season, the first time in 37 games the Boilermakers had a 100-yard rusher. The bulk of the carries, however, will go to the halfbacks—junior Jeff Hill (678 yards) and sophomore Corey Rogers (502). Both will challenge for all-conference honors. Colletto's top returning lineman is 295-pound senior guard Denny Chronopoulos.

Purdue lost one of its best defensive weapons to graduation. Look for linebacker Eric Beatty (101 tackles) and senior nose tackle Jeff Zgonina to be tough against the run. Junior safety Jimmy Young picked off six passes last year, tying him for 14th in the country. Punter Eric Brunn was fifth in the nation with a 43.2 average.

## 9 Minnesota

Jim Wacker knows what it's like to rebuild a program. The 54-year-old rookie coach at Minnesota has a 144-91-3 career record, much of that at Texas Christian, which was 17-90-3 in the 11 seasons before Wacker arrived.

In 1984 Wacker led the Horned Frogs to an 8-3 record and an appearance in the Bluebonnet Bowl. One year later, he unearthed an illegal payoff plan to TCU players—which was in place before Wacker arrived—and reported it to the NCAA. It was an incident that cost the school 30 football scholarships.

An NCAA cloud has hung over Minnesota in recent years, but that's not getting to Mr. Positive. "Every place I've been, I've faced challenges to build or rebuild," he says. "Minnesota is a school with a tremendous tradition of football success. I'm certain that a return to that traditional success is possible."

Departed coach John Gutekunst hasn't left him with an empty cupboard. Swift senior quarterback Marquel Fleetwood was sixth in the Big Ten in total offense last year (165.5 yards a game). He'll need to cut down his ratio of interceptions to touchdowns, which was 10-to-5.

Senior linemen Keith Ballard and Ted Harrison anchor a line that will try to spring junior back Antonio Carter (660 yards in '91). The Gophers' depth also gets a boost with the return of Mark Smith. He missed most of his sophomore season with a bursa sack problem in his knee after rushing for 700 yards as a freshman.

Three of Minnesota's top tacklers return: linebackers Andre Davis (113) and Russ Heath (86), and tackle Dennis Cappella (78).

## 10 Northwestern

Francis Peay couldn't do it. Neither could Dennis Green, Rick Venturi, John Pont, or Alex Agase. You have to go back to the Ara Parseghian era (1956-63) to find a head coach who left Northwestern with more wins than losses (36-35-1).

Which brings us to Gary Barnett, the first-year NU coach who believes that he can succeed where others have failed, namely on the recruiting trail. Barnett points to a few reasons he thinks NU can eventually compete in the Big Ten. One, he says the facilities at Northwestern are better even than the ones at Colorado, where he was the offensive coordinator on Bill McCartney's national powerhouse teams. Two, the NCAA's reduction in scholarships from 95 to 85 over the next few years means 10 fewer players for somebody else and 10 more available to the Wildcats. And third, he says Northwestern is located convenient to prep talent hotbeds like Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, and Chicago—all within driving distance of Evanston.

**Star runner Duckett is the one gem for the otherwise pearl-less Spartans this season.**

That's the future. As for the present, he'll try to pull together what's left from last year's senior-dominated 3-8 team. The top returnee is quarterback Len Williams, who completed 61% of his passes last season. On defense, the Wildcats return the Big Ten's interception leader in '91, senior defensive back Willie Lindsey.

With many starting spots up for grabs, some of Barnett's first recruiting class from the spring may see action. The best rookie may be lineman Ryan Padgett, a *SuperPrep* magazine All-American. "Our staff feels we recruited well," Barnett said. "I think it's just the class we needed to help turn things around and become competitive in the Big Ten Conference." —DAVID CAMPBELL

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# Patriot

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Lafayette
2. Colgate
3. Holy Cross
4. Lehigh
5. Fordham
6. Bucknell

Mark Duffner has headed south—and with him may go Holy Cross' dominance of the Patriot League. The nation's winningest active coach, with a 60-5-1 record, Duffner left Holy Cross after last season for the University of Maryland. His timing couldn't have been better. Holy Cross' last scholarship class has graduated, stripping the longtime Patriot League bullies of the competitive advantage they had over their grant-in-aid opposition. The Crusaders were so ravaged by graduation that even with the motivational genius of Duffner the Crusaders didn't figure to capture the league crown for the sixth time in the league's seven-year existence. New coach Peter Vaas has a monumental task before him, made more difficult by the stockpile of ill will Holy Cross generated during its reign of terror. The Crusaders' 20-game winning streak—the nation's longest—figures to end early in '92.

Lafayette, the only Patriot League team to beat Holy Cross since the conference's formation, appears to have the right stuff to take top honors this year. Colgate and Holy Cross should challenge the Leopards. Lehigh was second best in '91, but the Engineers were stung by graduation. Fordham should escape the basement for the first time. Bucknell looks hopeless.

### 1 Lafayette

In the pass-first, run-second Patriot League, Lafayette coach Bill Russo is an exception. Last year his team ran the ball 63% of the time, and why not? The Leopards averaged 180 yards a game on the ground. Lafayette returns its top two runners. Sophomore Erik Marsh ran for 779 yards (5.2 per carry) and won league rookie of the year honors. Junior John Kahn totaled 664 (4.2 per carry). The top receiver is Jamal Jordan (36 catches). Tom Kirchhoff (55% completion rate) is the league's most experienced quarterback. Russo appears to have the makings of the type of ball-control attack he employed to take the league title in '88.

Take away a disastrous two-week stretch in the middle of last season in which the club surrendered 108 points in losses to Hofstra and Holy Cross, and the Lafayette defense wasn't all that bad. Still, improvement is needed from the league's fourth-ranked defense. The Leopards return their top three tacklers in Kevin McManus (127 tackles), Chris Hummel (108 tackles), and Netfa Slaughter (100 tackles).

**1991 Patriot Standings**

| | League | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Holy Cross | 5 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Lehigh | 3 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| Lafayette | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Colgate | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Bucknell | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| Fordham | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 |

**Behind Kirchhoff, the Leopards should change spots with Holy Cross and take the Patriot.**

### 2 Colgate

The Red Raiders annually play the most ambitious nonleague schedule of all the Patriot League teams, and it typically pays dividends as Colgate improves throughout the year. Last year Mike Foley's bunch opened with losses to Northeastern, Army, and Duke but rallied to win four of its next six in a 4-7 season. A key for Colgate will be health. Last year the Red Raiders lost 15 players to season-ending injuries.

The return of All-Patriot running back Bill Sparacio (828 yards, 11 TDs) and quarterback Jim Russell (58% completion rate) should help offset the loss of receiver George Delaney and linemen Tim Brown, Jim Buebendorf, and Shane Bickel. The Colgate offensive line will be young, but if it develops it will bring a smile to Foley's face. Colgate's defensive star is lineman Paul Schultheis.

### 3 Holy Cross

New coach Peter Vaas, a former Holy Cross quarterback, comes to Worcester after serving as Notre Dame's quarterbacks coach. He plans to scrap the Crusaders' productive run-and-shoot offense for the run-oriented I-formation. This should please the rest of the league's coaches, who never quite figured out how to stop the pass-happy attack.

The Crusaders had 11 All-Patriot selections last year. Nine have graduated—defensive tackle Tom McDonald and punter Jeff Meader being the lone returnees. The biggest loss will be quarterback Tom Ciaccio, the only Crusader to take a meaningful snap from center since 1988. Gone, too, are top runner Jerome Fuller and standout receiver Mark Roman. The best offensive returnees are lineman Matt Warth and tight end John Powell. Running back Shawn Sierra has had his moments as a backup.

The defense should be in better shape. McDonald is joined by fellow lineman Greg Draddy and linebackers Marcus Duckworth and Rob Millanette, the latter a second team all-leaguer last year as a sophomore. The secondary was hard-hit by graduation, losing three All-Patriot selections.

### 4 Lehigh

Hank Small's Engineers must make do without nearly all their top weapons from an offense that averaged 33 points and 467 yards per game. Departed are quarterback Glenn Kempa, receivers Horace Hamm and Rich Clark, and running back Larry Arico. The most experienced skill-position returnee is 5-8 running back Mark Lookenbill. He scored a league-high 18 touchdowns last year (11 rushing, 7 receiving) and rang up 115 yards per game in all-purpose yardage.

The defense gave up 430 yards per game last year, so an overhaul is due. Reconstruction can begin around Adam Ciperski (93 tackles, 5 interceptions) and Kevin Jefferson, a linebacker who started for the Engineers two years ago, when he was just 16 years old.

### 5 Fordham

The Rams are 0-10 in league play but showed great improvement last year. Four of their losses were by seven points or fewer, including 24-19 and 14-9 defeats against nationally ranked powers Holy Cross and Villanova to close out the year. Larry Glueck's team seems capable of winning a Patriot League game or two this time around.

**Quicker than you can say 'Blazejewski,' the Fordham linebacker can make the tackle.**

The stars are receiver Tom Garlick (47 catches, 8 TDs) and linebacker Mark Blazejewski (145 tackles). The quarterback situation is uncertain following the graduation of Gary Brennan. Whoever takes over that spot can throw to receiver John Potamousis (34 catches). Blazejewski will get some help from defensive backs Mike Wilt and Chris Tirone, each of whom intercepted five passes a year ago. Wilt was also second in the league in kickoff returns.

### 6 Bucknell

If the last shall be first, this is Bucknell's year. Last season the Bison were last in the league in nearly everything—last in scoring offense, last in scoring defense, last in turnover ratio. Only a 24-14 win over Fordham prevented the Bison from finishing last in the league.

There is some talent returning. Dave Berardinelli caught 46 passes and had eight touchdowns last year. Hew Woodward made 76 tackles. Guard Eric Rutter and defensive lineman John Lusk were Second Team All-Patriot picks last year.

—DAVID NATHAN

# Ivy

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Princeton
2. Harvard
3. Dartmouth
4. Cornell
5. Yale
6. Pennsylvania
7. Brown
8. Columbia

Let those other conferences go 32-for-51 for 472 yards and six touchdowns every game. This is the Ivy League, where that stuff just doesn't work. No matter how much the rest of college football changes, Ivy League championships are still decided on the ground. The easy rule of thumb is that the team with the best running back wins.

This fall the best running back in the league will be found at Princeton. As a result, that school is as good a choice as any for preseason favorite. Of course, it doesn't hurt that Princeton might also have the best defense in the league.

Still, it starts with running backs. Since the Asa S. Bushnell Cup was first awarded in 1970 to the league's best player, only once has it gone to a quarterback from the championship team (in 1978, to Buddy Teevens of Dartmouth). In those same 21 years it has gone eight times to a running back from the title team. The last three Bushnell Cup winners were running backs who also took home championship rings.

Why would running backs dominate this league? It probably has to do with the main difference between nonscholarship Division I-AA Ivy League players and their big-time brethren: speed. Your average Ivy League linebacker doesn't run a 4.4 40, so when you get a running back who is a breakaway threat, you have something.

That's exactly the position Princeton finds itself in with junior running back Keith Elias. After becoming the first Tiger ever to rush for 1,000 yards in the six-game freshman season, Elias followed that with 902 yards on the varsity level last fall. He teams with junior Erick Hamilton (572 yards) to give Princeton the best one-two punch in the league, and Elias by himself is the best game-breaking threat in the Ivy.

Then again, this is still the Ivy League. As usual, it figures to be a pretty wide-open situation, split between the haves of Princeton, Harvard, Dartmouth, and Cornell, and have-nots of Yale, Pennsylvania, Brown, and Columbia. This is also a noteworthy year in the Ivy League, the final campaign in which freshmen will be ineligible for varsity play. Starting next season there no longer will be the Ivy tradition of freshman football on Saturday mornings before the varsity game.

### 1 Princeton

The Tigers were a bit of a surprise last year, taking Dartmouth to the final Saturday of the season before settling for an 8-2 year, which included a 5-2 second-place league finish. The Tigers had a good balance last year with Elias and Hamilton in the backfield and Chad Roghair passing to Michael Lerch. Only Roghair has graduated from that mix, leaving quarterback as the question mark. Juniors Joel Foote and Cam Scholvin will battle for that spot. Elias and Hamilton rotated by series last year, but Elias went the distance against Dartmouth. He looks like a serious threat to break the school record of 1,347 yards set by Judd Garrett three years ago, when Garrett won the Bushnell Cup and Princeton won the Ivy League.

There is no shortage of blocking on this team. Start with fullback Peter Bailey, a converted linebacker who came out of nowhere as a sophomore last year, and add the offensive line, an experienced and talented group led by the league's best lineman, tackle Chris Theiss.

Princeton's junior class also leads the defense. Brian Kazan wasn't a starter opening day last year, but he finished with 13 sacks from his defensive-end spot. Reggie Harris and Jim Renna also are experienced juniors up front. This year's captain, Aaron Harris (no relation to Reggie), and Gene Demorat return as starting inside linebackers, and the experience in the secondary includes Keith Ducker and Brian Mangene.

Special teams were a problem last year, and a quarterback needs to emerge. Still, the Tigers might be too much for anybody else to handle.

### 2 Harvard

Harvard will be more than willing to give it a try. The Crimson went 1-0-1 last year against the two teams that finished ahead of them, and 3-2 against the five that finished behind. In a league of basic parity, that sort of thing happens.

If Harvard does win the league, it will be done with mirrors. The key to Harvard's attack is sleight of hand, and junior quarterback Mike Giardi is the head magician. Giardi is the best in the league at pulling rabbits out of hats, or at least scoring touchdowns. He rushed for 13 of them as a sophomore to lead the league in scoring, and he threw for six more while averaging 163.9 yards per game in total offense.

Harvard comes at you from an offense called the multiflex, which has many of the same features as the wing-T. It relies on ball fakes and misdirection, which are Giardi's strengths. It also spreads the wealth. No other team in the league had as many as three players with more than 100 carries; Harvard had four. The Crimson return three of those players, with running backs Robb Hirsch and Knedrick Joyce back to join Giardi. Colby Maher is the top receiving threat.

Harvard's key to winning the league might be in rebuilding its offensive line, which graduated four starters and All-Ivy tight end Andy Lombara. Only Jeff Landry returns up front, and the Crimson will need players such as Jason Slavik and Wayne Ryan to step it up a notch.

The defensive line was equally decimated. Philip Furse is the lone returning starter there, and Paul Dean and James Reddinger are being counted on. J.J. Vasquez and Monte Giese are solid linebackers, and Robert Santos and Chris Pillsbury are the top defensive backs.

**Elias, alias the Ivy League's best rusher, leads Princeton's run-heavy offensive attack.**

### 3 Dartmouth

With all the new faces it might seem that Dartmouth is in the process of rebuilding. Still, the Big Green are a serious threat for a three-peat. Dartmouth lost Bushnell-winner Shon Page from its 1990 title team, but Al Rosier answered with 1,432 yards and a Bushnell Cup of his own last year. He has since graduated; so, too, has former coach Buddy Teevens, who traded frozen Hanover, N.H., for the challenge of rebuilding 0-11 Tulane in New Orleans.

All is not hopeless for new coach John Lyons, though, despite the graduation of 13 starters. It starts at quarterback, where Jay Fiedler won league sophomore of the year honors last year. Fiedler was so good that he moved 1990's top soph, Matt Brzica, from quarterback to wide receiver. Fiedler accounted for 1,663 yards of total offense, and his 13 touchdown passes ranked second in the league behind Princeton's Roghair. Brzica's 15 receptions were tops among returning receivers.

Neal Martin is back as the fullback, and Gregory Hoffmeister is the top contender for Rosier's carries. Lance Brackee is the only returning starter on the line, but at 6-6 and 285 pounds he's not a bad place to start. Brackee was a First Team All-Ivy selection last year, and he is the only one of seven Dartmouth first team choices of 1991 to return.

The defense has talent, although there are holes to fill after the graduation of some dominant players. Gerald LaMontagne is the main man up front, while George Neos and Mike Phillips will be the top linebackers. Jason Fell leads the secondary.

### 4 Cornell

Cornell found out the hard way how simple the difference between winning and losing can be. The Big Red were set once again to prove that rushing wins the Ivy, but injuries prevented them from doing that. John McNiff was supposed to be the top man in the league, but a preseason ankle injury hampered him all year and kept him out of two games. He still managed to run for 806 yards, but

## 1991 Ivy Standings

| | League | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Dartmouth | 6 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| Princeton | 5 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Harvard | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Cornell | 4 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Yale | 4 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| Pennsylvania | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Brown | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| Columbia | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 |

Cornell finished 5-5 overall and 4-3 in the league, good for a fourth-place tie with Yale. The key man for Cornell this year could be Scott Oliaro, a medical redshirt who was limited to just six carries last year. McNiff and Oliaro were supposed to be the top two backs in the league last year; without them Cornell finished seventh in rushing.

However, all the news is not bad. Oliaro is a solid player, and junior quarterback Bill Lazor has a year as a starter under his belt. Lazor threw for 1,461 yards and eight touchdowns last year, completing 129 of 217 along the way. Matt Speicher moved from defensive back to running back to help out, and he responded with 292 yards rushing. Mike Jamin caught 35 passes last year to earn all-league second team honors. Scott Reade was another second team pick last year from his offensive tackle spot, and he will anchor the offensive line.

Defensively, linebacker Chris Zingo is one of the league's best. The Big Red need to replace some key people on defense, and players such as defensive tackle Mark Mako and cornerback Ethan Levitas figure into the plans. Mike Cochrane is a very good kicker.

Cornell's season opener is at home against Princeton. It is a matchup that propelled the Tigers into the hunt last year, and it could do the same for Cornell this time around.

## 5 Yale

Yale is a team that always seems to hang around near the top of the standings, but it could be tougher than usual for the Ivy's all-time winningest team. Year No. 28 for coach Carm Cozza could be a rebuilding one.

Yale, using its variation of the wishbone, was the best rushing team in the Ivy but its worst passing team last year. The good news was that Yale rushed for 2,948 yards as a team in 1991. The bad news is that 2,125 of those yards (and 419 of Yale's 572 carries) were split between quarterback Nick Crawford and running back Chris Kouri. Both were 1,000-yard men, both were First Team All-Ivy selections, and both graduated.

In fact, Yale graduated four First Team and two Second Team All-Ivy offensive players. The first order of business is finding a quarterback to follow in the footsteps of Crawford and Darin Kehler. The answer might be sophomore Chris Hetherington.

The most experienced returning running back is David Kelley, but his experience was limited to 27 carries last year. Matt Fahrney and David Sheronas will also help the running game.

Kouri and Crawford will be tough to replace, but Yale should have a pretty good offensive line and defense. All-Ivy linemen Kevin Allen and David Russell graduated, but there are good numbers to replace them. Some of those numbers are in the 6-4, 280-pound frame of Eric Strachan, who figures to move into a starting role this year. Andy Walker is back as a tackle, as is Bart Newman. Tim O'Hara and Steve Rausch could fill out that unit.

The defense returns 18 lettermen, and a dynamite sophomore also joins the mix. The sophomore is linebacker Carl Ricci, who should have an immediate impact. The top returnee is senior defensive tackle Erik Lee, who at 6-5 and 250 pounds is large by Ivy standards. He was a First Team All-Ivy choice last year. Fred Howard joins Lee up front, while Mark McKane is another linebacker. Kevin Hill, a converted fullback, had a good year last year in the secondary.

## 6 Pennsylvania

Predicting the Ivy League used to be fairly simple. First place? That was almost always Penn during the '80s. These days, however, the Quakers are trying to find their way back to the top.

The man trying to lead them there is no stranger to success. Al Bagnoli, a dominant Division III coach at Union, comes to Philadelphia as the third coach since Jerry Berndt guided Penn through its dynasty years.

The team he inherits is an interesting one. There is talent, and there is also the best sophomore class in the league. Penn's freshman team of a year ago did not lose a game to another Ivy League freshman team. The Quakers might be headed in the right direction, but this might not be the year. There are weapons here, though.

Maybe the top one is the punter, senior Rob Sims. A two-time First Team All-Ivy pick, Sims is one of the top kickers in the country. He also is an important part of the field-position battle.

The top rusher was the aptly named Sundiata Rush, who picked up 787 yards last year. He might not match that this year, though the team as a whole could be better off because of it. The reason? Sophomores Damian Jones and Terrance Stokes, game-breakers from the freshman level who will share the backfield load.

Fitz McKinnon and Jim McGeehan split time at quarterback last year, and their competition has grown with the addition of sophomore Nick Morris. Mike Baker, Chris Brassell, Bill Cobb, and Tony Hernandez are all good receivers.

The defense will be the trouble spot for Penn. Graduation took some good players, such as First Team All-Ivy players Joe Kopcha, Tom Oko, and Stephen Palmer. The top defender this year might be free safety Tom Gibbs.

## 7 Brown

There is no doubt what the main concern is at Brown. Mickey Kwiatkowski has been the coach there for two years now, and his Bears have been last in total defense both times. The 1991 campaign was a tough one defensively: Brown allowed 5 touchdowns, 37.2 points, and 512 yards per game.

On the other hand, Brown had the top passing attack in the league, although that rarely translates into victories. It did provide entertainment, as the average score of a Brown game was 37.2 to 22.7. The Bears passed for 224.6 yards per game using the tandem of Jeff Barrett and Nick Richardson. Barrett returns for his senior year. Brett Brown is the top rusher after an 821-yard season. He also set a school record with 658 kickoff return yards.

Brown will once again churn out the yards, so the key to any success would be stopping the other team. The main men in that area are defensive lineman MacKenzie Davis, linebacker Chris Gordon, and defensive back Richard Britton.

## 8 Columbia

And then there is Columbia. It used to be the Lions measured success by winning a single game. It might not sound like much, but Columbia hasn't had a winless season since 1987. Of course, the Lions haven't won at least two since 1988. There also hasn't been a winning season since a 6-3 1971 campaign. Columbia last won the Ivy championship in 1961.

Of course, if you want to see arguably the toughest guy in the Ivy League this fall, Columbia's your team and Des Worthman is your player. Just 5-10 and 215 pounds, Worthman would go high in a draft of Ivy League players. He was a First Team All-Ivy pick last year, and he figures to be one again this year.

Worthman is not Columbia's only good player. The Lions have talent in wide receivers Mike Sardo and Scott Spivey, and defensive backs Joe Hill and Tim Hawkes are pretty good. It's just that there isn't much depth. It continues to be an uphill fight for the Lions. —JERRY PRICE

### Returning Ivy League Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bill Lazor (Jr.) | Cornell | 1 | 115 | 194 | 1,330 | 8 |
| Jay Fiedler (Jr.) | Dartmouth | 3 | 88 | 147 | 1,022 | 9 |
| Jeff Barrett (Sr.) | Brown | 4 | 69 | 121 | 842 | 3 |
| Mike Giardi (Jr.) | Harvard | 5 | 65 | 128 | 843 | 4 |
| Jim McGeehan (Jr.) | Pennsylvania | 8 | 60 | 128 | 712 | 6 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keith Elias (Jr.) | Princeton | 6 | 125 | 561 | 4.5 | 6 |
| Brett Brown (Sr.) | Brown | 7 | 141 | 556 | 3.9 | 6 |
| Robb Hirsch (Sr.) | Harvard | 8 | 77 | 494 | 6.4 | 1 |
| Sundiata Rush (Sr.) | Pennsylvania | 9 | 131 | 474 | 3.6 | 2 |
| Erick Hamilton (Sr.) | Princeton | 10 | 85 | 402 | 4.7 | 5 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Michael Lerch (Sr.) | Princeton | 2 | 34 | 702 | 20.6 | 5 |
| Mike Jamin (Sr.) | Cornell | 4 | 29 | 436 | 15.0 | 1 |
| Mike Sardo (Sr.) | Columbia | 5 | 27 | 345 | 12.8 | 5 |
| Brett Brown (Sr.) | Brown | 7 | 21 | 134 | 6.4 | 2 |
| Dennis Lafferty (Sr.) | Columbia | 8 | 20 | 258 | 12.9 | 0 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games. Statistics are for Ivy League games only.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game. Statistics are for Ivy League games only.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game. Statistics are for Ivy League games only.

# Yankee

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Villanova
2. Delaware
3. Boston University
4. New Hampshire
5. Rhode Island
6. Massachusetts
7. Maine
8. Richmond
9. Connecticut

The Yankee Conference spreads from Richmond in the south to Orono, Maine, in the north, but much of the interest this year figures to be in the league's geographic middle, where Villanova and Delaware will battle for the Yankee title and the league's automatic berth in the NCAA Division I-AA tournament. It's a resumption of last year's unsettled fight in which Villanova, Delaware, and New Hampshire tied for the league title with 7-1 conference records. All went to the NCAAs.

New Hampshire may drop a few places in the standings, perhaps getting replaced by Boston University in the league's upper third. Rhode Island could be a surprise. Massachusetts figures to be in the middle of the pack. Maine, Richmond, and Connecticut will finish at the bottom. Next year James Madison, William & Mary, and Northeastern join the Yankee, and the league will split into two six-team divisions.

### 1 Villanova

Little wonder coach Andy Talley's name came up so often last fall in connection with vacant coaching jobs. In just their sixth year competing in Division I-AA, the Wildcats have become legitimate national championship contenders. Villanova has 17 starters back from a team that finished first in the league a year ago in both total offense and total defense. Quarterback Tom Colombo returns after throwing for 2,679 yards and 21 TDs last year. Pat Kennedy, Vernon Smith, and Jeff Johnson combined for nearly 2,000 yards rushing a season ago. Offensive linemen Randy Crane, Bill Lacey, and Tim Tarpey were each All-Yankee choices in '91. The defensive star is linebacker Curtis Eller, who totaled 101 tackles and three interceptions a year ago. Defensive back Barry Alvis is coming off an 84-tackle season.

**1991 Yankee Standings**

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Delaware | 7 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Villanova | 7 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| New Hampshire | 7 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| Rhode Island | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Massachusetts | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Boston University | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Maine | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Connecticut | 2 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Richmond | 2 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |

**Eller and Villanova will show no brotherly love toward their Yankee Conference rivals.**

### 2 Delaware

The Blue Hens have the best chance of stopping the Villanova juggernaut. Tubby Raymond returns 14 starters, the most notable of whom is quarterback Bill Vergantino. The senior, who can throw and run, will pass Rich Gannon, now a Minnesota Viking, this year and become the Blue Hens' all-time total offense leader. Delaware has seven of its top eight running backs returning, including fullback Daryl Brown (592 yards, 11 TDs) and halfback Lanue Johnson (596 yards). Eight members of the defense are back, including two defensive backs, safety Warren McIntire (69 tackles, 9 interceptions) and corner Tim Jacobs. Three members of the defensive front four also return.

### 3 Boston University

The Terriers figure to be the most upwardly mobile of the Yankee teams this year. BU went 4-7 a year ago, but late-season improvement and the return of 18 starters may help Dan Allen's team climb to a winning record. Walter Norton (1,402 yards, 11 TDs) and Greg Moore will battle for the quarterback job. The winner will have a trio of receivers to choose from—Scott Mallory (51 catches), Mike Overton (34 catches), and Jason Andrade (24 catches). The best players on defense are tackle Harold Thomas and linebacker Andrew Brennan—one of the league's top freshmen last year.

### 4 New Hampshire

While BU has the best chance to move up this year, UNH seems to be in danger of slipping a couple of spots in the standings. The Wildcats return just 10 starters, but fortunately one of those is running back Barry Bourassa, who has led the nation in all-purpose yardage each of the last two seasons. Last year the senior averaged 210 yards a game and finished with 1,185 rushing yards. A replacement must be found for Matt Griffin, a three-year starter at quarterback. Receiver John Perry (52 catches, 918 yards) is back. The strength of the defense will be the secondary, which returns Nate Bryan and Greg Lewis.

### 5 Rhode Island

The Rams should be an exciting bunch this year. They were strong for part of last season but faded in the closing weeks to finish in familiar territory. Bob Griffin's special teams figure to be in good hands with 5-5 Chris Pierce, who was second in the league in kickoff returns and sixth in punt returns a year ago. He returned two kickoffs for touchdowns. Dario Highsmith totaled 793 yards and seven TDs as a freshman. Improving quarterback Steve Holland is back for his senior year and has a fine receiver in tight end Darren Rizzi (53 catches). The defensive line was hit hard by graduation, but end Pete Doremus is back. So is linebacker Dave Slattery (119 tackles).

### 6 Massachusetts

Two years ago the Minutemen won the Yankee title and went to the NCAA playoffs. Now the program is in disarray. Coach Jim Reid jumped ship after the UMass administration told him the school could not afford to offer scholarships to incoming freshmen. There's still some talent, especially on defense, with linebackers Bob Burke and Mario Perry and defensive back Scott Assencoa. The quarterback situation is muddled, since neither Dave McGovern nor Tom Fasano established himself last year. Ron Villone may be the league's best tight end.

### 7 Maine

The Black Bears had trouble with the pass last year. They couldn't do it on offense and couldn't stop it on defense. To go anywhere, Maine must do better in both areas. Quarterback Emilio Colon emerged as the starter last year as a freshman. With more experience, he should increase his TD pass total (2) and decrease his interceptions (13). Also of concern is the running game, which lost all-time leading rusher Carl Smith and last year's No. 1 back, Paul Caprioti (823 yards). Three members of the secondary return, as do standout linebackers Jamal Murph (91 tackles, 4 sacks) and Lorenzo Harris (84 tackles).

### 8 Richmond

Things should get a little better for Richmond, which has won four games in the last three years but has a solid base of young talent. The offense returns quarterback Greg Lilly (55% completions), receiver Sterling Brown (47 catches), and running back Vidal Adams. Back to lead the defense is First Team All-Yankee linebacker Eric Johnson, the league's top tackler the last two years. Defensive wizard Jim Reid, the self-exiled UMass coach, comes aboard as defensive coordinator and is sure to help a group that was last in the league in total defense (477 yards a game).

### 9 Connecticut

UConn had no trouble scoring points last year with the passing combination of quarterback Cornelius Benton (2,701 yards, 18 TDs) and Mark Didio (88 catches). This year, though, the dynamic duo is gone, and the offense is an uncertain proposition. There is, however, one certainty: the Huskies' ineptitude on defense. UConn finished eighth in the league in total defense and surrendered 340 points in 11 games, a situation that led to the shuffling of the coaching staff. The best returnees are on offense—receiver Alex Davis (72 catches, 909 yards) and runner Ed Long (681 yards as a freshman).

—DAVID NATHAN

# Mid-Eastern Athletic

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. South Carolina State
2. Delaware State
3. North Carolina A&T State
4. Bethune-Cookman
5. Florida A&M
6. Howard
7. Morgan State

As usual, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference contains a lot of ifs.

If Delaware State and North Carolina A&T State can recover from the loss of several key players, the Hornets and Aggies could again battle for the conference title they shared last season. But if South Carolina State's young team has grown from a year of experience, or if Bethune-Cookman's new coach, Sylvester Collins, can stop his team from giving up as many points as it scores, either of those schools could take the MEAC crown. The only sure thing is that the race for the conference title will again be wide-open.

### 1 South Carolina State

The Bulldogs are one of the few teams in the league that wasn't hit hard by graduation. By default, that could make them the league favorite.

South Carolina State was near the bottom of the league in total offense and scoring, but most of the key players are back and a year more experienced. The running-back triumvirate of Antonio Mackey, Kenny Gathers, and Mike Johnson combined for nearly 1,400 yards. Junior quarterback Robert Hemby and tight end Herbert Shuler return, as do wide receivers Rod Hunter and Quincy Miller.

A stingy defense that led the MEAC in total defense and scoring defense will be hurt by the graduation of defensive player of the year Robert Porcher and defensive back Ricky Hill, but a number of talented performers return as well.

The Bulldogs might still be a year away, but they could do it this season.

### 2 Delaware State

After an uncustomary third-place finish in 1990, the Hornets rebounded to capture a share of the MEAC title in 1991. However, Delaware State lost its entire offensive line, in addition to All-MEAC running-back Michael Murray, the top ground-gainer in the league. That's quite a loss for a team that finished second in Division I-AA in rushing offense, with 295.8 yards a game and 628 total attempts. Still, the Hornets' wing-T offense will have some sting.

Senior running back Dakiel Shorts transferred from Ellsworth (Iowa) Community College and rushed for 461 yards on 61 carries last year. His 6.9-yard average was tops in the conference. He also scored six touchdowns. Quarterback Erik Jones had surgery on his right shoulder but should be ready for the season. Jones completed 23 of 62 passes for 438 yards and five touchdowns. His 510 rushing yards was second on the team and tops among the league's quarterbacks. With the running game in transition, Delaware State may have to throw more this season. The Hornets ranked last in I-AA passing with 541 yards, or less than 50 per game.

The defense suffered a big blow when the Hornets found out that all-conference linebacker Bruce Davis had run out of eligibility. Senior defensive tackle LeRoy Thompson lead the MEAC with 15½ sacks. Defensive back Brian Randall had six interceptions.

### 3 North Carolina A&T State

The Aggies had the conference title in their hands last year, but a late loss to Delaware State earned them a tie. Still, the Aggies finished 9-2 in the regular season for the second consecutive year and represented the MEAC in the Alamo Heritage Bowl. They lost that one 36-13 to Southwestern Athletic Conference champion Alabama State.

A&T has lost many key players from last season's co-championship team. Replacing five all-conference performers, including two-time MEAC offensive player of the year Connell Maynor and a trio of defensive linemen, won't be easy. Nevertheless, A&T always seems to find answers.

Sophomores David Russell and Maceo Bolin will vie for Maynor's quarterback spot, but junior running back Barry Turner, who finished second in the league with 851 yards on 128 carries, will help ease the burden. Turner had 24 receptions for 315 yards. He scored 11 touchdowns and was a key component on an offense that averaged 416.6 yards per game. Linebacker Rodney Edwards and defensive back Alonzo Barnett will be the building blocks of the defense.

### 4 Bethune-Cookman

Former Jackson State assistant Sylvester Collins takes over the Wildcats for Larry Little, who went on to coach the Ohio Glory of the World League of American Football. Senior quarterback Jermaine Hall is the top returning quarterback in the MEAC. Hall led the conference in passing yards (2,665), touchdowns (20), completions (215), and attempts (427).

Two of Hall's favorite targets—Jeff Parker and Carl Gibbons, who combined for over 1,600 receiving yards—are gone. Troy Grant, who returns, was third in the conference in catches (43) behind his former teammates. The entire offensive line returns to provide protection for Hall.

The Wildcats' problem last year was that they yielded almost as many points as they scored. Linebackers Reggie Roberts and James Wigfall and defensive backs Mark Harrington, Julius Gordon, and Vidal Mills lead the defense.

### 5 Florida A&M

After winning their first MEAC title in 1990, the Rattlers followed up with a disappointing 1991, when they finished at .500 in the league. A&M started the conference competition on the wrong foot by losing at Howard and then getting pounded at North Carolina A&T State 41-19. The Rattlers recovered to beat Delaware State, but their repeat dreams were gone.

Record-setting quarterback Antoine Ezell finished a stellar career by passing for 2,156 yards in 1991. He will be hard to replace. When the Rattlers do find a quarterback, junior receiver Terry Mickens (31 catches for 567 yards) will make a good target. Running backs Gerald Duffey and Pat Reddick should again be productive. Offensive linemen Tim Green, Kwame Kilpatrick, and Wally Williams are back.

Defensive backs William Carroll, Keino Taylor, and Ken Reily lead a unit that lost several key performers on the line and at linebacker.

### 6 Howard

The Bison won their first two games last year but then proceeded to lose their last nine, and that was with some proven players. This year Howard doesn't have those proven players, and it could be a long rebuilding year. The Bison were second-to-last in scoring offense and scoring defense.

**Returning running back Mackey is sure to take a big bite of the Bulldogs' rushing duties.**

Junior Gary Harrell is an exciting receiver and punt returner. He led the league in all-purpose yards with 1,295 yards. Getting the ball into his hands, however, could be a problem. Sophomores Demond Arter and Terrell Hill will battle to replace Donald Carr at quarterback.

Linemen James Spears and Cornelius Anthony will lead the defense. In the secondary, Tim Watson will also be back.

### 7 Morgan State

New coach, new attitude, same old sorry results. First-year coach Ricky Diggs had no miracles for the Golden Bears, who have suffered nearly a decade of ineptitude on the football field. The team is 8-75 over the past eight seasons.

On the positive side, the Bears did nearly double their offensive production, to 2,540 total yards. Quarterback Orlando Persell, returner Dante Carter, and defensive back Mario Rivers are the Bears' top returning players. —JOHN SMALLWOOD

### 1991 Mid-Eastern Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| North Carolina A&T | 5 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| Delaware State | 5 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| South Carolina St. | 3 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Florida A&M | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Bethune-Cookman | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| Howard | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Morgan State | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 |

# Southern

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Marshall
2. Appalachian State
3. Furman
4. The Citadel
5. Tennessee-Chattanooga
6. Western Carolina
7. Virginia Military Institute
8. East Tennessee State

This season should once again display the competitive balance that marked the Southern Conference last year. Four of the top five finishers in the conference—Marshall, Appalachian State, Furman, and the Citadel—were ranked in the final I-AA top 20. Tennessee-Chattanooga will join them again in battling for conference honors.

Each of those five teams has a marquee player returning. Marshall's is the most prominent: quarterback Michael Payton, who passed for 3,392 yards in the regular season and playoffs. Based on Payton's presence and the entire team's playoff run, Marshall should win the league this year.

Appalachian State returns 13 starters, including the media choice as conference defensive player of the year, Rico Mack. The Mountaineers have an excellent shot at defending their league crown. Of course, it wouldn't be surprising for Tennessee-Chattanooga, Furman, or the Citadel to win the league, either.

Western Carolina, Virginia Military Institute, and East Tennessee State might pull off a few upsets but aren't quite strong enough to challenge. However, Western Carolina should keep improving, and East Tennessee has a promising new coach in Mike Cavan.

### 1 Marshall

The Thundering Herd shouldn't miss a beat this season on offense. Not only is Michael Payton back at quarterback, but tailback Orlando Hatchett (855 yards) and fullback Glenn Pedro (692) also return. Tight end Mike Bartrum, tackle Chris Deaton, and guard Phil Ratliff are back on the offensive line. They'll be bolstered by 330-pound Johnny McKee, who's moving from noseguard to offensive tackle.

Receiver Troy Brown is doubly dangerous. He caught 38 passes and returned three kickoffs for touchdowns.

Highly regarded linebacker Donahue Stephenson, the team's leading tackler with 131, and defensive linemen Byran Litton and Jim Bernardoni return after being named first or second team all-conference.

One trend Marshall will try to reverse: The Thundering Herd hasn't beaten Tennessee-Chattanooga since 1988.

### 2 Appalachian State

The Mountaineers again will be led by senior quarterback D.J. Campbell, who has started all 35 games Appalachian State has played since he arrived in Boone, N.C. Campbell threw for 1,517 yards last year. Tailback Chip Hooks, who rushed for 1,117 yards and earned all-conference honors as a freshman, and fullback J.K. Reaves also return.

The big question on offense is the line, where only two of the five interior linemen are back, but the situation on defense is just the opposite. Counting outside linebackers, five of the six players on the defensive front are back. That includes linebacker Rico Mack, the Mountaineers' No. 2 tackler with 111, and tackle Avery Hall, who made all-conference for the third time after recording 98 tackles.

However, the defense must replace the entire secondary. Junior Kenny Bright, a back-up at free safety, has a lot of experience. Al Ellis, an occasional starter at fullback and tailback, will now play cornerback.

### 3 Furman

The Paladins have several individual stars returning and, as always, have quality players with whom to surround them. Junior quarterback Hugh Swilling moved into the starting role last year and completed 56% of his passes for 1,422 yards, continuing the tradition of former Furman quarterbacks David Whitehurst, Bobby Lamb, and Frankie DeBusk. Senior tailback Carl Tremble has 3,191 career yards and needs 825 more to replace Stanford Jennings as the school's career rushing leader.

Fullback O.J. Davis is one of only two other starters back on offense, but the Paladins won't be too green. Seniors Fred Sturgis and Jon Heusinger, the new starting guards, have had significant playing time.

Linebacker Kota Suttle will be an integral part of the defense for the fourth year. He led the Southern Conference with 140 tackles last season. Chris Turner has the task of replacing nose guard Allen Edwards, the coaches' pick as Southern defensive player of the year.

### 4 The Citadel

The Bulldogs' fortunes depend on how well they rebuild their defense. No starters return on the defensive line, and only all-conference free safety Lester Smith returns in the secondary. Speizio Stowers, a back-up quarterback for three years, has been moved to defense to bolster the secondary. Rob Briggs and Jim Wilson return at linebacker.

The offense is in much better shape, having lost only one starter. Quarterback Jack Douglas returns as a fifth-year senior after leading the league in rushing with 1,152 yards.

When attempts to throw the ball more fizzled early last season, the Citadel went back to its trusted wishbone and ended the year beating Appalachian State and Furman and coming within six points of Marshall. Erick Little and Cedrick Sims (615 rushing yards) return as the halfbacks in the wishbone. Everette Sands (761 yards) is the fullback.

### 5 Tennessee-Chattanooga

The Moccasins' 7-4 record was their best since 1983, and they're optimistic they can do even better in 1992. Tennessee-Chattanooga shuffled its coaching staff and switched from the I-formation to the split-back veer two years ago. Last season they went from a 5-2 defense to 4-3. The Moccasins hope the transition is complete and look for even more benefits this season.

Quarterback Kenyon Earl (1,643 yards passing) returns, along with running back James Roberts (854 rushing yards). The Moccasins lost two other major offensive contributors but hope Jerry Ellison can step in for Muhammad Shamsid-Deen at running back and either Sammy Hadley or Bobby Acree fills in for Shoun Habersham.

### 6 Western Carolina

Although the Catamounts finished 2-9, they showed they won't be conference whipping boys much longer by upsetting Tennessee-Chattanooga and taking Marshall into triple overtime before losing 27-24.

Lonnie Galloway (766 yards passing, 292 rushing) or Chad Greene will quarterback the freeze-option attack. Kevin Thigpen is a top tailback candidate after averaging 117 yards in the final five games last year. Five linemen who started either last year or in 1990 return, but there is little depth behind them.

The nucleus of the defense will be at linebacker, where four starters return. Tom Bodine (93 tackles) and Kenny Banks (85) were two of the Catamounts' top three tacklers last year and will play inside linebacker.

### 7 Virginia Military Institute

After back-to-back 4-7 records, the Keydets shoot for their first winning season since 1981. It's not an impossible task if their wishbone can continue to churn out the yards and eat up the clock. Last year VMI led the league in rushing with 316.9 yards per game, and most of the offense's key components return.

Quarterback Tony Scales rushed for 1,105 yards, while halfback Marcus Mines added 771 and fullback Chris Meacham 563. Many of the blockers also return, led by all-conference center Lorenzo Carpenter.

### 8 East Tennessee State

After winning only three games in the last two seasons, the Buccaneers should begin building toward respectability under talented young coach Mike Cavan. As an assistant at Georgia, Cavan landed Herschel Walker. He had been head coach at Valdosta State (where he compiled a 37-22-2 record in six years for a school that had never had a winning season) prior to getting the ETSU job.

Fifteen players who started last year were coming back, but position shifts were expected under a new coach. In one early move, Kwayu Graham, a wide receiver who moved to defensive back under previous coaches, was returned to wideout.

Junior tailback Derrick Hollins (517 yards rushing, 32 receptions) hopes to return from a knee injury. Flanker Scott Dykes caught 43 passes for 810 yards. —BRUCE McLELLAN

### 1991 Southern Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Appalachian State | 6 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Marshall | 5 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 0 |
| The Citadel | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Furman | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| UT-Chattanooga | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| VMI | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Western Carolina | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| East Tennessee St. | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 |

# Southland

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Northeast Louisiana
2. McNeese State
3. Southwest Texas State
4. Northwestern State
5. Sam Houston State
6. Nicholls State
7. Stephen F. Austin State
8. North Texas

Around Monroe, La., people still talk about the 1987 football season with a sense of nostalgia usually reserved for the memory of Huey Long. That was the year Northeast Louisiana University's football team made a mad dash through the Division I-AA playoffs, driven by the strong arm of quarterback Stan Humphries.

In the four seasons since then, though, the folks in Monroe haven't seen anyone closely resembling Humphries, who left the Indians for the Washington Redskins. Although blessed with quality quarterbacks, the Indians haven't had someone who can fire a strike to a streaking receiver from 30 yards away with the ease of a passer throwing from half that distance.

Until this year, that is. Senior Wendal Lowery, a junior-college transfer from the state of Florida, has served notice to friend and foe alike that matching Humphries' heroics of recent memory is not outside the realm of possibility. Although it took him nearly two-thirds of the 1991 season to win the starting job, the strong-armed Lowery led the Southland Conference in passing and was voted the league's newcomer of the year. In six games he threw for 1,308 yards, completing 80 of 136 passes. Eight of his completions went for touchdowns. "He reminds you a lot of Humphries, the way he throws the ball," said Northwestern State coach Sam Goodwin after Lowery helped the Indians beat his Demons 24-9. "He has good size, a good idea of what's going out there, and a big-time arm."

The inevitable comparisons to Humphries don't worry Lowery. In fact, with a whole season ahead of him as the starter, and with a talented supporting cast behind him, he's looking forward to the possibilities. "If people compare you to someone who has done well you should take it as a compliment," he says. "I do, and I think this team has a chance to make the comparisons fit."

### 1991 Southland Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| McNeese State | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Sam Houston State | 5 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| Northeast Louisiana | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Southwest Texas St. | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Northwestern State | 4 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Nicholls State | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| North Texas | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Stephen F. Austin St. | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 |

**Northeast Louisiana's Lowery adds spice to the Southland Conference's hottest offense.**

### 1 Northeast Louisiana

The consensus around the SLC is that Northeast Louisiana is loaded. The Indians return 13 starters from last year's team, including seven all-conference picks.

Included in the returners are the SLC's top passer, Wendal Lowery (1,308 yards and eight touchdowns in just six games); the SLC's top rusher, 235-pound tailback Roosevelt Potts (239 carries for 1,103 yards); and the SLC's top receiver, wideout Vincent Brisby (33 catches for 699 yards and eight touchdowns). The three will be given time to work by an experienced offensive line that returns three starters, including all-conference center Vic Zordan.

Nose tackle Matt Shepherd, another all-SLC pick, anchored a defense that ranked in the top 20 nationally in pass defense, scoring defense, and total defense, but he no longer is with the team. Linebacker Benny Bazley recorded 94 tackles despite missing the last three games of the season.

### 2 McNeese State

McNeese State coach Bobby Keasler is gaining a reputation as a demon in conference play. In his first two seasons at the Cowboys' helm he has produced an 8-3-1 conference record. His overall record is just 11-10-2.

Keasler's 1992 team will be built around defense, where 10 starters return from a unit that led the conference in total defense. Linebacker Terry Irving (132 tackles, 6 sacks, 5 forced fumbles) is the key. The secondary will return four of the top 10 pass interceptors in the conference.

On offense, the Cowboys don't figure to be weaklings. Quarterback Eric Acheson threw for 1,096 yards, although he did toss 12 interceptions. The tailback combination of Eric Foster and Chris Fontenette accounted for 1,193 yards and 10 touchdowns.

### 3 Southwest Texas State

At Southwest Texas State, Jim Bob Helduser has stepped up as coach, replacing highly regarded Dennis Franchione, who moved to New Mexico. Helduser's first job will be to find a replacement for departed quarterback Gilbert Price.

Sophomore John Hygh is the Bobcats' top returning passer, but he threw just 10 passes last season, completing three. Fortunately, Hygh will have a quality duo of running backs to work with in Scott Smith and Tom Stubblefield, who combined for 974 yards last season.

Helduser, a former defensive coordinator, will return six of the top 10 tacklers from last season to his defensive unit.

### 4 Northwestern State

With glaring questions at linebacker and quarterback, Northwestern State appears to be heading into a building season. However, coach Sam Goodwin's team has enough talent to make things interesting.

First, though, Goodwin must solve a dilemma at quarterback, where sophomores Chris Gilliam and Brad Laird will battle it out. Gilliam was 3-0 as a starter before breaking his elbow. Laird struggled early after taking over but closed out with two wins.

On defense, the Demons must replace All-America linebacker Andre Carron. The most likely candidate is junior Ed Moses (113 tackles).

### 5 Sam Houston State

The defense was stripped by graduation at Sam Houston State, but the Bearkats have some offensive talent to work with. Quarterback Ashley Van Meter threw for 993 yards last season and will have the luxury of operating behind a line with four returning starters.

Linebacker Darryl Mays led the Bearkats with 123 tackles.

### 6 Nicholls State

At Nicholls State, the Colonels have a topnotch running back in Jarvis Lillie, an all-conference pick who rushed for 823 yards and caught passes for another 130 yards. Freshman defensive back Darryl Pounds was fourth in the nation with eight interceptions.

### 7 Stephen F. Austin State

John Pearce has taken over as coach at Stephen F. Austin after a nightmare 2-8-1 season. To turn the Lumberjacks around he must turn quarterback Mike Goddard around from a season in which he tossed 11 interceptions to go with only three touchdowns.

### 8 North Texas

Having lost just five seniors, North Texas coach Dennis Parker hopes to improve on last season's 3-7-1 mark. However, with no clear-cut starting quarterback and a lot of starters back from the worst offense and defense in the conference, whether he can do so remains to be seen. —JACK MITCHELL

# 1992 College Football Schedules

Scores are from 1991 (if the teams played each other); opponent's score for each game is listed second. 1991 records include bowl games.

Note: All schedules are subject to last-minute changes.

### ABILENE CHRISTIAN
Coach: Ronnie Peacock
1991 Record: 1-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at North Texas | 0-24 |
| Sep 12 | TBA | |
| Sep 19 | at C. St.-Sacramento | 7-45 |
| Sep 26 | Midwestern St. | |
| Oct 3 | at East. New Mexico | 20-32 |
| Oct 10 | at Central Oklahoma | 24-7 |
| Oct 17 | Angelo St. | 9-36 |
| Oct 24 | at Cameron | 3-10 |
| Oct 31 | East Texas St. | 3-37 |
| Nov 7 | at Texas A&I | 0-20 |

### AIR FORCE
Coach: Fisher DeBerry
1991 Record: 10-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Rice | |
| Sep 12 | Hawaii | 24-20 |
| Sep 19 | at Wyoming | 51-28 |
| Sep 26 | New Mexico | 32-34 |
| Oct 3 | at UTEP | 20-13 |
| Oct 10 | Navy | 46-6 |
| Oct 17 | Colorado St. | 31-26 |
| Oct 24 | at San Diego | 21-20 |
| Oct 31 | Utah | 24-21 |
| Nov 7 | at Army | 25-0 |
| Nov 14 | Brigham Young | 7-21 |

### AKRON
Coach: Gerry Faust
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Eastern Mich. | |
| Sep 12 | Toledo | |
| Sep 19 | at Western Mich. | 12-35 |
| Oct 3 | at Ohio Univ. | |
| Oct 10 | at Kent | |
| Oct 17 | at Ball St. | |
| Oct 24 | Bowling Green | |
| Oct 31 | Central Michigan | 29-31 |
| Nov 7 | Temple | 37-32 |
| Nov 14 | Youngstown St. | 38-24 |
| Nov 21 | at Cincinnati | |

### ALABAMA
Coach: Gene Stallings
1991 Record: 11-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Vanderbilt | 48-17 |
| Sep 12 | Southern Miss. | |
| Sep 19 | at Arkansas | |
| Sep 26 | Louisiana Tech | |
| Oct 3 | South Carolina | |
| Oct 10 | at Tulane | 62-0 |
| Oct 17 | at Tennessee | 24-19 |
| Oct 24 | Mississippi | |
| Nov 7 | at LSU | 20-17 |
| Nov 14 | at Mississippi | 13-7 |
| Nov 28 | Auburn | 13-6 |

### ALCORN STATE
Coach: Cardell Jones
1991 Record: 7-2-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Grambling St. | 27-22 |
| Sep 12 | TBA | |
| Sep 19 | Alabama St. | 13-18 |
| Sep 26 | at Howard | 46-27 |
| Oct 3 | at Sam Houston St. | |
| Oct 10 | Texas Southern | 7-26 |
| Oct 17 | at Prairie View A&M | 61-0 |
| Oct 24 | Southern | |
| Oct 31 | at Jacksonville St. | |
| Nov 7 | at Miss. Valley St. | 28-28 |
| Nov 21 | Jackson St. | 18-16 |

### ALFRED
Coach: Jim Moretti
1991 Record: 7-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | St. John Fisher | |
| Sep 19 | Brockport | |
| Sep 26 | at Ithaca | 8-31 |
| Oct 3 | at Albany | 17-14 |
| Oct 10 | at St. Lawrence | 31-6 |
| Oct 17 | Hobart | 30-10 |
| Oct 24 | Mercyhurst | |
| Oct 31 | at Buffalo St. | 13-33 |
| Nov 7 | Canisius | 23-3 |
| Nov 14 | at C.W. Post | 24-11 |

### ALLEGHENY (PA.)
Coach: Ken O'Keefe
1991 Record: 10-0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Westminster | |
| Sep 19 | at Wooster | 34-6 |
| Sep 26 | Case Reserve | |
| Oct 3 | Carnegie-Mellon | 23-12 |
| Oct 10 | at Wittenberg | 22-16 |
| Oct 17 | Kenyon | 43-21 |
| Oct 24 | at Oberlin | 37-2 |
| Oct 31 | Denison | 63-20 |
| Nov 7 | at Ohio Wesleyan | 24-7 |
| Nov 14 | Earlham | 75-0 |

### ANGELO STATE
Coach: Jerry Vandergriff
1991 Record: 6-3-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Henderson St. | |
| Sep 12 | at Prairie View A&M | 55-0 |
| Sep 19 | at Sam Houston St. | 6-16 |
| Sep 26 | at Southern Utah | |
| Oct 3 | OPEN | |
| Oct 10 | East. New Mexico | 12-13 |
| Oct 17 | at Abilene Christian | 36-9 |
| Oct 24 | Central Oklahoma | 41-10 |
| Oct 31 | Cameron | 34-0 |
| Nov 7 | at East Texas St. | 39-39 |
| Nov 14 | Texas A&I | 21-17 |

### APPALACHIAN STATE
Coach: Jerry Moore
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at North Carolina St. | |
| Sep 12 | at Wake Forest | 17-3 |
| Sep 26 | East Tennessee St. | 21-14 |
| Oct 3 | The Citadel | 10-17 |
| Oct 10 | at James Madison | 8-31 |
| Oct 17 | at VMI | 24-19 |
| Oct 24 | Furman | 26-23 |
| Oct 31 | at UT-Chattanooga | 42-7 |
| Nov 7 | at Marshall | 9-3 |
| Nov 14 | North Carolina A&T | |
| Nov 21 | West. Carolina | 24-14 |

### ARIZONA
Coach: Dick Tomey
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Utah St. | |
| Sep 12 | Washington St. | 27-40 |
| Sep 19 | at Oregon St. | 45-21 |
| Sep 26 | at Miami | 9-36 |
| Oct 3 | UCLA | 14-54 |
| Oct 17 | at Stanford | 28-23 |
| Oct 24 | at California | 21-23 |
| Oct 31 | New Mexico St. | |
| Nov 7 | Washington | 0-54 |
| Nov 14 | at USC | 31-14 |
| Nov 21 | Arizona St. | 14-37 |

### ARIZONA STATE
Coach: Bruce Snyder
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Washington | 16-44 |
| Sep 19 | Louisville | |
| Sep 26 | at Nebraska | 9-18 |
| Oct 3 | at Oregon | 24-21 |
| Oct 10 | Pacific | |
| Oct 17 | Oregon St. | 24-7 |
| Oct 24 | at UCLA | 16-21 |
| Oct 31 | USC | 32-25 |
| Nov 7 | at Washington St. | 3-17 |
| Nov 14 | California | 6-25 |
| Nov 21 | at Arizona | 37-14 |

### ARKANSAS
Coach: Jack Crowe
1991 Record: 6-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | The Citadel | |
| Sep 12 | at South Carolina | |
| Sep 19 | Alabama | |
| Sep 26 | at Memphis St. | |
| Oct 3 | Georgia | |
| Oct 10 | at Tennessee | |
| Oct 17 | Mississippi | 17-24 |
| Oct 31 | at Auburn | |
| Nov 7 | at Mississippi St. | |
| Nov 21 | Southern Methodist | 17-6 |
| Nov 28 | LSU | |

### ARKANSAS STATE
Coach: Ray Perkins
1991 Record: 1-10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Toledo | |
| Sep 12 | at Oklahoma | |
| Sep 19 | No. Illinois | 21-22 |
| Sep 26 | So. Illinois | |
| Oct 3 | NW Louisiana | 3-28 |
| Oct 10 | Troy St. | 20-17 |
| Oct 17 | at Memphis St. | 21-31 |
| Oct 24 | at Mississippi St. | |
| Oct 31 | at Louisiana Tech | 10-42 |
| Nov 14 | at East Carolina | |
| Nov 21 | at SW Louisiana | 13-17 |

### ARMY
Coach: Bob Sutton
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Holy Cross | |
| Sep 19 | at North Carolina | 12-20 |
| Sep 26 | The Citadel | |
| Oct 3 | Boston College | 17-28 |
| Oct 10 | Lafayette | |
| Oct 17 | at Rutgers | 12-14 |
| Oct 24 | at Wake Forest | |
| Oct 31 | Eastern Michigan | |
| Nov 7 | Air Force | 0-25 |
| Nov 14 | Northern Illinois | |
| Dec 5 | Navy at Philadelphia | 3-24 |

### ASHLAND
Coach: Fred Martinelli
1991 Record: 9-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Valparaiso | 30-7 |
| Sep 12 | Ferris St. | 35-7 |
| Sep 19 | Slippery Rock | |
| Sep 26 | at Hillsdale | 29-7 |
| Oct 3 | Wayne St. | 21-7 |
| Oct 10 | at Saginaw Valley St. | 26-6 |
| Oct 17 | Saint Joseph's | 9-0 |
| Oct 24 | at Grand Valley St. | 7-38 |
| Oct 31 | at Butler | 12-14 |
| Nov 7 | Indianapolis | 21-7 |
| Nov 14 | No. Michigan | 49-7 |

### AUBURN
Coach: Pat Dye
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Mississippi | 23-13 |
| Sep 12 | Samford | |
| Sep 19 | LSU | |
| Sep 26 | Southern Miss. | 9-10 |
| Oct 3 | Vanderbilt | 24-22 |
| Oct 10 | at Mississippi St. | 17-24 |
| Oct 17 | at Florida | 10-31 |
| Oct 24 | SW Louisiana | 50-7 |
| Oct 31 | Arkansas | |
| Nov 14 | Georgia | 27-37 |
| Nov 28 | at Alabama | 6-13 |

### AUGUSTANA (ILL.)
Coach: Bob Reade
1991 Record: 8-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Loras | |
| Sep 19 | at Drake | |
| Oct 3 | North Park College | 41-0 |
| Oct 10 | at North Central | 41-0 |
| Oct 17 | at Illinois Wesleyan | 38-35 |
| Oct 24 | Elmhurst | 62-0 |
| Oct 31 | at Millikin | 26-0 |
| Nov 7 | at Carthage | 31-12 |
| Nov 14 | Wheaton | 19-42 |

### AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
Coach: Jim Heinitz
1991 Record: 0-10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 3 | at Nebraska-Kearney | |
| Sep 12 | Gustavus Adolphus | |
| Sep 19 | North Dakota St. | 6-41 |
| Sep 26 | at Nebraska-Omaha | 18-26 |
| Oct 3 | Northern Colorado | 6-51 |
| Oct 10 | at North Dakota | 15-20 |
| Oct 17 | South Dakota | 18-27 |
| Oct 24 | at South Dakota St. | 20-31 |
| Oct 31 | Morningside | |
| Nov 7 | at St. Cloud St. | 16-23 |
| Nov 14 | Mankato St. | 14-28 |

### AUSTIN PEAY STATE
Coach: Roy Gregory
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Eastern Illinois | 14-28 |
| Sep 12 | Knoxville College | |
| Sep 19 | at So. Illinois-Carbondale | 17-21 |
| Sep 26 | at SE Missouri St. | 24-21 |
| Oct 3 | at Murray St. | 27-9 |
| Oct 10 | at Mid. Tennessee St. | 8-23 |
| Oct 17 | Tennessee Tech | 7-32 |
| Oct 24 | at Tennessee St. | 31-17 |
| Oct 31 | Morehead St. | 14-33 |
| Nov 7 | OPEN | |
| Nov 14 | East. Kentucky | 0-21 |
| Nov 21 | Tennessee-Martin | 28-34 |

### BAKER
Coach: Charlie Richard
1991 Record: 5-2-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Friends | |
| Sep 19 | Iowa Wesleyan | 14-42 |
| Sep 26 | at Graceland | 21-13 |
| Oct 3 | Central Methodist | |
| Oct 10 | at William Jewell | 20-28 |
| Oct 17 | Culver-Stockton | 28-0 |
| Oct 24 | at Evangel | 19-6 |
| Oct 31 | Benedictine | |
| Nov 7 | at Mid-Am. Nazarene | 37-0 |
| Nov 14 | Missouri Valley | 13-10 |

### BALDWIN-WALLACE
Coach: Bob Packard
1991 Record: 10-0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Wittenberg | 45-16 |
| Sep 19 | at Hiram | 55-6 |
| Sep 26 | Muskingum | 41-21 |
| Oct 3 | at Mount Union | 21-18 |
| Oct 10 | Otterbein | 35-18 |
| Oct 17 | Capital | 21-7 |
| Oct 24 | at Marietta | 50-13 |
| Oct 31 | Heidelberg | 21-13 |
| Nov 7 | at Ohio Northern | 10-6 |
| Nov 14 | John Carroll | 21-0 |

### BALL STATE
Coach: Paul Schudel
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Clemson | |
| Sep 12 | at Kansas | |
| Sep 19 | at Kent | 28-27 |
| Sep 26 | Miami (Ohio) | 7-15 |
| Oct 3 | at Western Mich. | 16-25 |
| Oct 10 | Eastern Mich. | 10-8 |
| Oct 17 | Indiana St. | 14-10 |
| Oct 24 | Central Michigan | 3-10 |
| Oct 31 | at Ohio Univ. | 10-6 |
| Nov 7 | Toledo | 9-3 |
| Nov 14 | at Bowling Green | 13-14 |

### BATES
Coach: Rick Pardy
1991 Record: 0-7-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 26 | at Trinity | 25-56 |
| Oct 3 | at Tufts | 6-16 |
| Oct 10 | Williams | 6-28 |
| Oct 17 | Wesleyan | 6-26 |
| Oct 24 | at Middlebury | 6-24 |
| Oct 31 | Colby | 7-41 |
| Nov 7 | at Bowdoin | 13-34 |
| Nov 14 | Hamilton | |

### BAYLOR
Coach: Grant Teaff
1991 Record: 8-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Louisiana Tech | |
| Sep 12 | Colorado | 16-14 |
| Sep 19 | Utah St. | |
| Sep 26 | at Texas Tech | 24-31 |
| Oct 3 | Houston | 38-21 |
| Oct 10 | SMU | |
| Oct 17 | at Texas A&M | 12-34 |
| Oct 24 | at TCU | 26-9 |
| Nov 7 | Georgia Tech | |
| Nov 14 | at Rice | 17-20 |
| Nov 21 | Texas | 21-11 |

### BOISE STATE
Coach: Skip Hall
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | UT-Chattanooga | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Idaho St. | 38-16 |
| Sep 19 | Pacific | |
| Sep 26 | at Stephen F. Austin | 38-7 |
| Oct 3 | Montana | 7-21 |
| Oct 10 | at No. Arizona | 57-14 |
| Oct 17 | Weber St. | 32-35 |
| Oct 24 | Portland St. | |
| Oct 31 | at Montana St. | 31-14 |
| Nov 14 | at Eastern Wash. | 31-17 |
| Nov 21 | Idaho | 24-28 |

### BOSTON COLLEGE

Coach: Tom Coughlin
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Rutgers | 13-20 |
| Sep 12 | Northwestern | |
| Sep 19 | Navy | |
| Sep 26 | Michigan St. | |
| Oct 3 | at West Virginia | 24-31 |
| Oct 10 | OPEN | |
| Oct 17 | at Penn St. | 21-28 |
| Oct 24 | at Tulane | |
| Oct 31 | Temple | 33-13 |
| Nov 7 | at Notre Dame | |
| Nov 14 | Syracuse | 16-38 |
| Nov 21 | at Army | 28-17 |

### BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Coach: Dan Allen
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Temple | |
| Sep 19 | at William & Mary | 22-48 |
| Sep 26 | at Massachusetts | 7-15 |
| Oct 3 | Villanova | 6-56 |
| Oct 10 | at Delaware | 21-35 |
| Oct 17 | Richmond | 18-32 |
| Oct 24 | at Rhode Island | 43-0 |
| Oct 31 | New Hampshire | 26-45 |
| Nov 7 | at Maine | 27-0 |
| Nov 14 | Connecticut | 29-26 |
| Nov 21 | Northeastern | |

### BOWLING GREEN

Coach: Gary Blackney
1991 Record: 11-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Ohio St. | |
| Sep 19 | at Wisconsin | |
| Sep 26 | East Carolina | |
| Oct 3 | at Central Mich. | 17-10 |
| Oct 10 | Ohio Univ. | |
| Oct 17 | at Toledo | 24-21 |
| Oct 24 | Western Mich. | |
| Oct 31 | Miami (Ohio) | 17-7 |
| Nov 7 | at Kent | 35-7 |
| Nov 14 | Ball St. | 14-13 |
| Nov 21 | at Eastern Mich. | 17-6 |

### BRIGHAM YOUNG

Coach: LaVell Edwards
1991 Record: 8-3-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at UTEP | 31-29 |
| Sep 10 | San Diego St. | 52-52 |
| Sep 19 | UCLA | 23-27 |
| Sep 26 | at Hawaii | 35-18 |
| Oct 2 | Utah St. | 48-17 |
| Oct 10 | Colorado St. | 40-17 |
| Oct 17 | at Wyoming | 56-31 |
| Oct 24 | at Notre Dame | |
| Oct 31 | Penn St. | 7-33 |
| Nov 7 | New Mexico | 41-23 |
| Nov 14 | at Air Force | 21-7 |
| Nov 21 | at Utah | 48-17 |

### BROWN

Coach: Mickey Kwiatkowski
1991 Record: 2-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | Yale | 20-36 |
| Sep 26 | at Bucknell | |
| Oct 3 | at William & Mary | |
| Oct 10 | at Princeton | 37-59 |
| Oct 17 | Lehigh | |
| Oct 24 | Pennsylvania | 19-28 |
| Oct 31 | at Cornell | 17-20 |
| Nov 7 | at Harvard | 29-35 |
| Nov 14 | Dartmouth | 13-45 |
| Nov 21 | at Columbia | 28-23 |

### BUCKNELL

Coach: Lou Maranzana
1991 Record: 1-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Bloomsburg | |
| Sep 12 | at Villanova | 0-40 |
| Sep 19 | at Towson St. | |
| Sep 26 | Brown | |
| Oct 3 | at Dartmouth | 16-34 |
| Oct 10 | at Columbia | |
| Oct 24 | at Holy Cross | 6-38 |
| Oct 31 | Fordham | 21-14 |
| Nov 7 | at Lehigh | 13-41 |
| Nov 14 | Lafayette | 16-20 |
| Nov 21 | Colgate | 6-38 |

### CALIFORNIA

Coach: Keith Gilbertson
1991 Record: 10-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | San Jose St. | 41-20 |
| Sep 12 | at Purdue | 42-18 |
| Sep 24 | at Kansas | |
| Oct 3 | Oregon St. | 27-14 |
| Oct 10 | at Washington | 17-24 |
| Oct 17 | at USC | 52-30 |
| Oct 24 | Arizona | 25-6 |
| Oct 31 | UCLA | 27-24 |
| Nov 7 | at Oregon | 45-7 |
| Nov 14 | at Arizona St. | 25-6 |
| Nov 21 | Stanford | 21-38 |

### CALIFORNIA-DAVIS

Coach: Bob Foster
1991 Record: 7-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at C. St.-Northridge | 29-17 |
| Sep 19 | at Santa Clara | 31-21 |
| Sep 26 | St. Mary's | 13-12 |
| Oct 3 | C. St.-Sacramento | 18-50 |
| Oct 10 | Cal Poly-SLO | 31-28 |
| Oct 17 | Sonoma St. | 12-23 |
| Oct 24 | at Humboldt St. | 44-6 |
| Oct 31 | Cal St.-Chico | 20-24 |
| Nov 7 | at San Francisco St. | 24-21 |
| Nov 14 | at C. St.-Hayward | 16-13 |

### CANISIUS

Coach: Barry Mynter
1991 Record: 2-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at St. Francis | |
| Sep 19 | Buffalo St. | 17-24 |
| Sep 26 | St. Lawrence | 6-39 |
| Oct 3 | at Mercyhurst | 15-21 |
| Oct 10 | at St. John Fisher | 21-0 |
| Oct 17 | Frostburg St. | |
| Oct 24 | at Hobart | 34-9 |
| Oct 31 | Duquesne | |
| Nov 7 | at Alfred | 3-22 |
| Nov 14 | Marist | |

### CARNEGIE-MELLON

Coach: Richard Lackner
1991 Record: 9-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Juniata College | |
| Sep 12 | at Washington (Mo.) | 20-12 |
| Sep 19 | Rochester | 18-14 |
| Oct 3 | at Allegheny | 12-23 |
| Oct 10 | at Trinity (Texas) | |
| Oct 17 | Univ. of Chicago | 37-0 |
| Oct 24 | Duquesne | 28-14 |
| Oct 31 | Grove City | 43-14 |
| Nov 7 | at Catholic | |
| Nov 14 | at Case West. Reserve | 43-0 |

### CENTRAL COLLEGE

Coach: Ron Schipper
1991 Record: 8-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Bethel | |
| Sep 19 | at Dubuque | 35-7 |
| Sep 26 | Wartburg | 10-6 |
| Oct 3 | at Buena Vista | 28-7 |
| Oct 10 | William Penn | 83-18 |
| Oct 17 | at Simpson | 3-12 |
| Oct 24 | Loras | 12-3 |
| Oct 31 | Upper Iowa | 41-0 |
| Nov 7 | at Luther | 22-21 |

### CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

Coach: Mike McGlinchey
1991 Record: 1-8-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 4 | at Hofstra | 19-30 |
| Sep 11 | at Trenton St. | |
| Sep 19 | Glassboro St. | |
| Sep 26 | at American Intl. | 18-21 |
| Oct 3 | New Haven | 34-41 |
| Oct 16 | at Springfield | 26-23 |
| Oct 31 | Buffalo | |
| Nov 7 | at So. Conn. St. | 20-42 |
| Nov 14 | William Paterson | |

### CENTRAL FLORIDA

Coach: Gene McDowell
1991 Record: 6-5-0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Gardner-Webb | |
| Sep 12 | Bethune-Cookman | 32-6 |
| Sep 19 | Troy St. | 21-10 |
| Sep 26 | at West. Illinois | |
| Oct 3 | Savannah St. | 31-33 |
| Oct 17 | Nicholls St. | |
| Oct 24 | at West. Kentucky | |
| Oct 31 | at Liberty | 31-26 |
| Nov 7 | Buffalo | |
| Nov 14 | James Madison | 31-49 |
| Nov 21 | at Samford | 6-13 |

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Coach: Herb Deromedi
1991 Record: 6-1-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Kentucky | |
| Sep 12 | at Michigan St. | 20-3 |
| Sep 26 | Toledo | 16-16 |
| Oct 3 | Bowling Green | 10-17 |
| Oct 10 | at Miami (Ohio) | 10-10 |
| Oct 17 | Kent | 23-7 |
| Oct 24 | at Ball St. | 10-3 |
| Nov 7 | Eastern Mich. | 14-14 |
| Nov 14 | at Western Mich. | 27-17 |
| Nov 21 | Ohio Univ. | |

### CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE

Coach: Terry Noland
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at No. Alabama | 7-28 |
| Sep 19 | Missouri Southern | 0-35 |
| Sep 26 | at SW Baptist | 24-17 |
| Oct 3 | Emporia St. | 17-44 |
| Oct 10 | at NW Missouri | 32-27 |
| Oct 17 | at Washburn | 21-0 |
| Oct 24 | NE Missouri | 38-37 |
| Oct 31 | Missouri-Rolla | 7-13 |
| Nov 7 | at Missouri Western | 31-24 |
| Nov 14 | Pittsburgh St. | 14-28 |

### CINCINNATI

Coach: Tim Murphy
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Penn St. | 0-81 |
| Sep 19 | at Miami (Ohio) | 9-22 |
| Sep 26 | at Tennessee | |
| Oct 3 | Kent | 38-19 |
| Oct 10 | at Memphis St. | |
| Oct 17 | at East Carolina | 19-30 |
| Oct 24 | at Southern Miss. | |
| Oct 31 | Louisville | 30-7 |
| Nov 7 | Rutgers | |
| Nov 14 | Kentucky | 17-20 |
| Nov 21 | Akron | |

### THE CITADEL

Coach: Charlie Taaffe
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Arkansas | |
| Sep 12 | Wofford | |
| Sep 19 | East Tennessee St. | |
| Sep 26 | at Army | |
| Oct 3 | at Appalachian St. | 17-10 |
| Oct 10 | Tenn.-Chattanooga | 26-33 |
| Oct 17 | Marshall | 31-37 |
| Oct 24 | at Western Carolina | 38-13 |
| Nov 7 | Newberry | |
| Nov 14 | VMI | 17-14 |
| Nov 21 | at Furman | 10-6 |

### CLEMSON

Coach: Ken Hatfield
1991 Record: 9-2-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Ball St. | |
| Sep 12 | Florida St. | |
| Sep 26 | at Georgia Tech | 9-7 |
| Oct 3 | UT-Chattanooga | |
| Oct 10 | at Virginia | 20-20 |
| Oct 17 | Duke | 33-21 |
| Oct 24 | at N.C. State | 29-19 |
| Oct 31 | at Wake Forest | 28-10 |
| Nov 7 | North Carolina | 21-6 |
| Nov 14 | at Maryland | 40-7 |
| Nov 21 | South Carolina | 41-24 |

### COLGATE

Coach: Mike Foley
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Rutgers | |
| Sep 19 | at Fordham | 25-12 |
| Sep 26 | at Pennsylvania | |
| Oct 3 | at Columbia | |
| Oct 10 | Buffalo | |
| Oct 17 | Cornell | 35-13 |
| Oct 24 | at Lehigh | 22-21 |
| Oct 31 | Lafayette | 31-48 |
| Nov 7 | William & Mary | |
| Nov 14 | Holy Cross | 3-28 |
| Nov 21 | at Bucknell | 38-6 |

### COLORADO

Coach: Bill McCartney
1991 Record: 8-3-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Colorado St. | |
| Sep 12 | at Baylor | 14-16 |
| Sep 19 | at Minnesota | 58-0 |
| Sep 26 | Iowa | 17-14 |
| Oct 8 | at Missouri | 55-7 |
| Oct 17 | Oklahoma | 34-17 |
| Oct 24 | Kansas St. | 10-0 |
| Oct 31 | at Nebraska | 19-19 |
| Nov 7 | Oklahoma St. | 16-12 |
| Nov 14 | at Kansas | 30-24 |
| Nov 21 | Iowa St. | 17-14 |

### COLORADO STATE

Coach: Earle Bruce
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Colorado | |
| Sep 12 | Idaho | |
| Sep 19 | at Air Force | 26-31 |
| Sep 26 | at LSU | |
| Oct 3 | Utah | 16-21 |
| Oct 10 | at BYU | 17-40 |
| Oct 17 | UTEP | 23-18 |
| Oct 24 | Wyoming | 28-35 |
| Oct 31 | at Hawaii | 28-16 |
| Nov 7 | San Diego St. | 32-42 |
| Nov 14 | at Miami | |
| Nov 21 | at New Mexico | 36-38 |

### COLUMBIA

Coach: Ray Tellier
1991 Record: 1-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | Harvard | 16-21 |
| Sep 26 | at Fordham | 16-20 |
| Oct 3 | Colgate | |
| Oct 10 | Bucknell | |
| Oct 17 | at Pennsylvania | 20-14 |
| Oct 24 | at Yale | 9-36 |
| Oct 31 | Princeton | 6-22 |
| Nov 7 | at Dartmouth | 19-28 |
| Nov 14 | Cornell | 21-28 |
| Nov 21 | Brown | 23-28 |

### CONNECTICUT

Coach: Tom Jackson
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | New Haven | |
| Sep 12 | at New Hampshire | 16-21 |
| Sep 19 | OPEN | |
| Sep 26 | at Northeastern | |
| Oct 3 | Yale | 34-20 |
| Oct 10 | Villanova | 13-35 |
| Oct 17 | at Massachusetts | 26-21 |
| Oct 24 | Maine | 20-41 |
| Oct 31 | Richmond | 35-34 |
| Nov 7 | at Delaware | 18-49 |
| Nov 14 | at Boston Univ. | 26-29 (2 OT) |
| Nov 21 | Rhode Island | 10-20 |

### CORNELL

Coach: Jim Hofher
1991 Record: 7-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | Princeton | 0-18 |
| Sep 26 | Lehigh | |
| Oct 3 | Lafayette | |
| Oct 10 | at Harvard | 22-17 |
| Oct 17 | at Colgate | 13-35 |
| Oct 24 | Dartmouth | 25-31 |
| Oct 31 | Brown | 20-17 |
| Nov 7 | at Yale | 31-6 |
| Nov 14 | at Columbia | 28-21 |
| Nov 21 | Pennsylvania | 13-14 |

### DARTMOUTH

Coach: John Lyons
1991 Record: 7-2-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | Pennsylvania | 21-15 |
| Sep 26 | at New Hampshire | |
| Oct 3 | Bucknell | 34-16 |
| Oct 10 | at Holy Cross | 6-23 |
| Oct 17 | Yale | 28-24 |
| Oct 24 | at Cornell | 31-25 |
| Oct 31 | at Harvard | 31-31 |
| Nov 7 | Columbia | 28-19 |
| Nov 14 | at Brown | 45-13 |
| Nov 21 | at Princeton | 31-13 |

### DAVIDSON

Coach: Doug Fagg
1991 Record: 4-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Guilford | 3-21 |
| Sep 12 | at Univ. of the South | |
| Sep 19 | at Rhodes | 9-13 |
| Sep 26 | Emory & Henry | 14-39 |
| Oct 10 | Washington & Lee | 16-14 |
| Oct 17 | at Methodist | 28-30 |

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|---|---|---|
| Oct 24 | Charleston So. | 33-17 |
| Oct 31 | at Hampden-Sydney | 14-56 |
| Nov 7 | Centre College | |
| Nov 14 | at Bridgewater | 30-7 |

### DELAWARE

Coach: Harold Raymond
1991 Record: 10-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Massachusetts | 24-7 |
| Sep 19 | Rhode Island | 42-7 |
| Sep 26 | West Chester | 28-0 |
| Oct 3 | at New Hampshire | 28-45 |
| Oct 10 | Boston Univ. | 35-21 |
| Oct 17 | at Villanova | 38-28 |
| Oct 24 | at Navy | 29-25 |
| Oct 31 | at Maine | 34-10 |
| Nov 7 | Connecticut | 49-18 |
| Nov 14 | at Richmond | 23-17 |
| Nov 21 | Towson St. | |

### DELAWARE STATE

Coach: Bill Collick
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Cheyney | |
| Sep 12 | at Youngstown St. | |
| Sep 19 | at Bethune-Cookman | 20-28 |
| Oct 10 | Towson St. | 13-7 |
| Oct 17 | Florida A&M | 10-20 |
| Oct 24 | at Morgan St. | 26-10 |
| Oct 31 | So. Carolina St. | 19-14 |
| Nov 7 | No. Carolina A&T | 31-26 |
| Nov 14 | at Liberty | 9-20 |
| Nov 21 | at Howard | 56-12 |

### DEPAUW

Coach: Nick Mourouzis
1991 Record: 6-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Hope | 14-23 |
| Sep 19 | Millsaps | 15-14 |
| Sep 26 | at Albion | |
| Oct 3 | at Hanover | 31-37 |
| Oct 10 | Rose-Hulman | 36-6 |
| Oct 17 | at Taylor | 41-13 |
| Oct 24 | Manchester | 17-10 |
| Oct 31 | Anderson | 12-7 |
| Nov 7 | at Franklin | 9-0 |
| Nov 14 | at Wabash | 18-23 |

### DICKINSON COLLEGE

Coach: Ed Sweeney
1991 Record: 9-0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Hobart | |
| Sep 19 | Muhlenberg | 42-0 |
| Sep 26 | at Georgetown | 36-30 |
| Oct 3 | Union College | |
| Oct 10 | Franklin & Marshall | 22-19 |
| Oct 17 | at West. Maryland | 28-25 |
| Oct 24 | Swarthmore | 40-15 |
| Oct 31 | at Johns Hopkins | 25-6 |
| Nov 7 | Gettysburg | 26-0 |
| Nov 14 | at Ursinus | 35-14 |

### DRAKE

Coach: Rob Ash
1991 Record: 4-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Simpson | 7-16 |
| Sep 19 | Augustana | |
| Sep 26 | Millikin | 14-23 |
| Oct 3 | at Aurora | 27-14 |
| Oct 10 | Chicago | |
| Oct 17 | at Dayton | 0-13 |
| Oct 24 | Quincy | |
| Oct 31 | at Ill. Benedictine | 55-8 |
| Nov 7 | Olivet Nazarene | |
| Nov 14 | at Evansville | |

### DUKE

Coach: Barry Wilson
1991 Record: 4-6-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Florida St. | |
| Sep 12 | Vanderbilt | 17-13 |
| Sep 19 | Rice | |
| Sep 26 | Virginia | 3-34 |
| Oct 10 | East Carolina | |
| Oct 17 | at Clemson | 21-33 |
| Oct 24 | Maryland | 17-13 |
| Oct 31 | at Georgia Tech | 6-17 |
| Nov 7 | Wake Forest | 14-31 |
| Nov 14 | at N.C. State | 31-32 |
| Nov 21 | North Carolina | 14-47 |

### EAST CAROLINA

Coach: Steve Logan
1991 Record: 11-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Syracuse | 23-20 |
| Sep 12 | Virginia Tech | 24-17 |
| Sep 26 | at Bowling Green | |
| Oct 3 | at South Carolina | 31-20 |
| Oct 10 | at Duke | |
| Oct 17 | Cincinnati | 30-19 |
| Oct 24 | at Pittsburgh | 24-23 |
| Oct 29 | Southern Miss. | 48-20 |
| Nov 7 | at West Virginia | |
| Nov 14 | Akron | 56-20 |
| Nov 21 | at Memphis St. | 20-13 |

### EAST TEXAS STATE

Coach: Eddie Vowell
1991 Record: 7-3-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Central Arkansas | |
| Sep 12 | at Pittsburgh St. | 20-13 |
| Sep 19 | So. Arkansas | 6-14 |
| Sep 26 | at Northwestern St. | 23-26 |
| Oct 3 | at Cen. Oklahoma | 51-21 |
| Oct 10 | Texas A&I | 24-22 |
| Oct 17 | Iowa Wesleyan | |
| Oct 24 | E. New Mexico | 14-17 |
| Oct 31 | at Abilene Christian | 37-3 |
| Nov 7 | Angelo St. | 39-39 |
| Nov 14 | at Cameron | 39-7 |

### EASTERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Bob Spoo
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Austin Peay | |
| Sep 12 | at Marshall | |
| Sep 19 | Murray St. | 27-28 |
| Sep 26 | at Illinois St. | 37-28 |
| Oct 3 | So. Illinois | 30-31 |
| Oct 10 | Indiana St. | 15-16 |
| Oct 17 | at West. Illinois | 15-16 |
| Oct 24 | at SW Missouri St. | 35-29 |
| Oct 31 | at Youngstown St. | |
| Nov 7 | No. Iowa | 17-18 |
| Nov 14 | West. Kentucky | 26-28 |

### EASTERN KENTUCKY

Coach: Roy Kidd
1991 Record: 12-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at West. Kentucky | 37-22 |
| Sep 19 | NE Louisiana | |
| Sep 26 | Tennessee Tech | 19-13 |
| Oct 3 | SE Missouri | 49-7 |
| Oct 10 | at Samford | |
| Oct 17 | at Middle Tenn. St. | 17-7 |
| Oct 24 | at UT-Martin | 56-21 |
| Oct 31 | Tennessee St. | 27-20 |
| Nov 7 | Murray St. | 42-17 |
| Nov 14 | at Austin Peay | 21-0 |
| Nov 21 | at Morehead St. | 41-10 |

### EASTERN MICHIGAN

Coach: Jim Harkema
1991 Record: 3-7-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Akron | |
| Sep 12 | at Louisiana Tech | 14-17 |
| Sep 19 | at Penn St. | |
| Sep 26 | Kent | 21-20 |
| Oct 3 | Miami (Ohio) | 3-29 |
| Oct 10 | at Ball St. | 8-10 |
| Oct 17 | at Western Mich. | 42-24 |
| Oct 24 | Ohio Univ. | 13-10 |
| Oct 31 | at Army | |
| Nov 7 | at Central Mich. | 14-14 |
| Nov 14 | at Toledo | 14-21 |

### EASTERN WASHINGTON

Coach: Dick Zornes
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Portland St. | 23-35 |
| Sep 19 | Sonoma St. | |
| Sep 26 | at Montana | 20-17 |
| Oct 3 | Weber St. | 59-63 |
| Oct 10 | Montana St. | 22-21 |
| Oct 17 | Idaho | 34-31 |
| Oct 24 | at No. Arizona | 44-29 |
| Oct 31 | at Idaho St. | 36-43 |
| Nov 7 | at NE Louisiana | |
| Nov 14 | Boise St. | 17-31 |

### EDINBORO

Coach: Tom Hollman
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Buffalo | |
| Sep 12 | Northwood Instit. | 25-14 |
| Sep 19 | at So. Connecticut St. | 35-16 |
| Oct 3 | Clarion | 17-9 |
| Oct 10 | at Lock Haven | 28-12 |
| Oct 17 | Shippensburg | 7-45 |
| Oct 24 | at California (Pa.) | 45-10 |
| Oct 31 | Slippery Rock | 0-7 |
| Nov 7 | at Indiana (Pa.) | 17-20 |
| Nov 14 | at Millersville | |

### EVANSVILLE

Coach: Robin Cooper
1991 Record: 5-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Franklin | 12-20 |
| Sep 19 | at Kentucky Wesleyan | 26-0 |
| Sep 26 | at Rose-Hulman | |
| Oct 3 | Adrian | |
| Oct 10 | at Lambut | 17-10 |
| Oct 17 | Tusculum | 44-19 |
| Oct 31 | at Dayton | 6-48 |
| Nov 7 | at Cumberland | 18-0 |
| Nov 14 | Drake | |

### FLORIDA

Coach: Steve Spurrier
1991 Record: 10-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Kentucky | 35-26 |
| Sep 19 | at Tennessee | 35-18 |
| Oct 1 | at Mississippi St. | 29-7 |
| Oct 10 | LSU | 16-0 |
| Oct 17 | Auburn | 31-10 |
| Oct 24 | Louisville | |
| Oct 31 | Georgia at Jack. | 45-13 |
| Nov 7 | Southern Miss. | |
| Nov 14 | South Carolina | |
| Nov 21 | at Vanderbilt | |
| Nov 28 | at Florida St. | 14-9 |

### FLORIDA A&M

Coach: Ken Riley
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Georgia Southern | 21-28 |
| Sep 12 | So. Carolina St. | 7-21 |
| Sep 19 | at Miami | |
| Sep 26 | Tennessee St.[a] | 43-7 |
| Oct 3 | Howard | 21-28 |
| Oct 10 | No. Carolina A&T[b] | 19-41 |
| Oct 17 | at Delaware St. | 20-10 |
| Oct 31 | Morgan St. | 55-6 |
| Nov 7 | at Southern | 24-20 |
| Nov 14 | Grambling St. | 22-25 |
| Nov 28 | Bethune-Cookman[c] | 46-28 |

[a]at Atlanta
[b]at Orlando
[c]at Tampa

### FLORIDA STATE

Coach: Bobby Bowden
1991 Record: 11-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Duke | |
| Sep 12 | at Clemson | |
| Sep 19 | at N.C. State | |
| Sep 26 | Wake Forest | |
| Oct 3 | at Miami | 16-17 |
| Oct 10 | North Carolina | |
| Oct 17 | at Georgia Tech | |
| Oct 31 | at Virginia | |
| Nov 7 | Maryland | |
| Nov 14 | Tulane | 38-11 |
| Nov 28 | Florida | 9-14 |

### FORDHAM

Coach: Larry Glueck
1991 Record: 2-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Lehigh | 7-32 |
| Sep 19 | Colgate | 12-25 |
| Sep 26 | Columbia | 20-16 |
| Oct 3 | Pennsylvania | |
| Oct 10 | at Yale | |
| Oct 24 | Lafayette | 7-33 |
| Oct 31 | at Bucknell | 14-21 |
| Nov 7 | at Hofstra | 30-50 |
| Nov 14 | at Villanova | 9-14 |
| Nov 21 | at Holy Cross | 19-24 |

### FRESNO STATE

Coach: Jim Sweeney
1991 Record: 10-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Pacific | 59-14 |
| Sep 12 | at Oregon St. | 24-20 |
| Sep 19 | Colorado St. | |
| Sep 26 | Washington St. | 34-30 |
| Oct 3 | Louisiana Tech | |
| Oct 10 | at Brigham Young | |
| Oct 17 | at Hawaii | |
| Oct 24 | New Mexico | 94-17 |
| Oct 31 | Wyoming | |
| Nov 7 | Utah | |
| Nov 21 | at San Diego St. | |
| Nov 28 | at UTEP | |

### FULLERTON STATE

Coach: Gene Murphy
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Cal St.-Northridge | 17-10 |
| Sep 12 | at UCLA | |
| Sep 19 | at Georgia | 14-27 |
| Sep 26 | Sacramento St. | |
| Oct 3 | | |
| Oct 10 | at San Jose St. | 7-35 |
| Oct 17 | at SW Louisiana | |
| Oct 31 | Utah St. | 3-26 |
| Nov 7 | at Pacific | 28-56 |
| Nov 14 | at New Mexico St. | 12-35 |
| Nov 28 | at UNLV | 3-25 |

### FURMAN

Coach: Jim Satterfield
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Liberty | 31-7 |
| Sep 12 | at North Carolina | |
| Sep 19 | Presbyterian | 52-7 |
| Sep 26 | Georgia Southern | |
| Oct 3 | VMI | |
| Oct 10 | at Marshall | 35-38 |
| Oct 24 | at Appalachian St. | 23-26 |
| Oct 31 | at East Tenn. St. | 52-23 |
| Nov 7 | Western Carolina | 42-14 |
| Nov 14 | at UT-Chattanooga | 24-21 |
| Nov 21 | The Citadel | 6-10 |

### GEORGIA

Coach: Ray Goff
1991 Record: 9-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at South Carolina | |
| Sep 12 | Tennessee | |
| Sep 19 | Fullerton St. | 27-14 |
| Sep 26 | Mississippi | 37-17 |
| Oct 3 | at Arkansas | |
| Oct 10 | Georgia Southern | |
| Oct 17 | Vanderbilt | 25-27 |
| Oct 24 | at Kentucky | 49-27 |
| Oct 31 | Florida, at Jack. | 13-45 |
| Nov 14 | at Auburn | 37-27 |
| Nov 28 | Georgia Tech | 18-15 |

### GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Coach: Tim Stowers
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Florida A&M | 28-21 |
| Sep 12 | Valdosta St. | |
| Sep 19 | Savannah St. | 29-6 |
| Sep 26 | at Furman | |
| Oct 10 | at Georgia | |
| Oct 17 | James Madison | 24-21 |
| Oct 24 | Jacksonville St. | |
| Oct 31 | Middle Tenn. St. | |
| Nov 7 | Mississippi College | |
| Nov 14 | Troy St. | 19-12 |
| Nov 21 | at Youngstown | |

### GEORGIA TECH

Coach: Bill Lewis
1991 Record: 8-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Western Carolina | |
| Sep 19 | at Virginia | 24-21 |
| Sep 26 | Clemson | 7-9 |
| Oct 3 | N.C. State | 21-28 |
| Oct 10 | at Maryland | 34-10 |
| Oct 17 | Florida St. | |
| Oct 24 | at North Carolina | 35-14 |
| Oct 31 | Duke | 17-6 |
| Nov 7 | at Baylor | |
| Nov 14 | at Wake Forest | 27-3 |
| Nov 28 | at Georgia | 15-18 |

### GRAMBLING STATE

Coach: Eddie Robinson
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Alcorn St. | 22-27 |
| Sep 12 | Va. Union at N.J. | 37-46 |
| Sep 19 | Tennessee St. | 24-21 |
| Oct 3 | Prair. Vw. at Dallas | 77-7 |
| Oct 17 | Mississippi Valley | 37-35 |
| Oct 24 | Jackson St. | 22-34 |
| Oct 31 | at Texas Southern | 30-27 |
| Nov 7 | Alabama St. | 14-60 |
| Nov 14 | at Florida A&M | 25-22 |
| Nov 28 | Southern at N.O. | 30-31 |

### GRAND VALLEY STATE

Coach: Brian Kelly
1991 Record: 9-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at St. Joseph's (Ind.) | 31-3 |
| Sep 12 | Indiana (Pa.) | |
| Sep 19 | Butler | 0-33 |
| Sep 26 | at Indianapolis | 31-13 |
| Oct 3 | Saginaw Valley St. | 10-14 |
| Oct 10 | at No. Michigan | 35-0 |
| Oct 17 | Ferris St. | 28-6 |
| Oct 24 | Ashland | 38-7 |
| Oct 31 | at Hillsdale | 9-6 |
| Nov 7 | Wayne St. | 59-28 |
| Nov 14 | at Valparaiso | 36-3 |

### HARVARD
Coach: Joe Restic
1991 Record: 5-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | at Columbia | 21-16 |
| Sep 26 | William & Mary | |
| Oct 3 | at Holy Cross | 13-28 |
| Oct 10 | Cornell | 17-22 |
| Oct 17 | at Lafayette | |
| Oct 24 | at Princeton | 24-21 |
| Oct 31 | Dartmouth | 31-31 |
| Nov 7 | Brown | 25-29 |
| Nov 14 | at Pennsylvania | |
| Nov 21 | Yale | 13-23 |

### HAWAII
Coach: Bob Wagner
1991 Record: 4-7-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Oregon | |
| Sep 12 | at Air Force | 20-24 |
| Sep 26 | Brigham Young | 18-35 |
| Oct 10 | at Utah | 52-26 |
| Oct 17 | Fresno St. | |
| Oct 24 | UNLV | |
| Oct 31 | at UTEP | 24-41 |
| Nov 7 | Colorado St. | 16-28 |
| Nov 14 | at San Diego St. | 21-47 |
| Nov 21 | Wyoming | 32-17 |
| Nov 28 | Tulsa | |
| Dec 5 | Pittsburgh | |

### HOFSTRA
Coach: Joe Gardi
1991 Record: 8-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 4 | Cent. Connecticut St. | |
| Sep 12 | at Lafayette | |
| Sep 19 | at James Madison | |
| Sep 26 | at Towson St. | 30-26 |
| Oct 2 | Univ. of Rhode Island | |
| Oct 9 | So. Connecticut St. | |
| Oct 16 | Fordham | |
| Oct 24 | at Buffalo | 33-38 |
| Nov 7 | Dayton | |
| Nov 14 | at Montana | |

### HOLY CROSS
Coach: Peter Vaas
1991 Record: 9-1-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Army | |
| Sep 19 | Massachusetts | 22-20 |
| Sep 26 | at Yale | |
| Oct 3 | Harvard | 28-13 |
| Oct 10 | Dartmouth | 23-6 |
| Oct 17 | Princeton | |
| Oct 24 | Bucknell | 42-6 |
| Oct 31 | Lehigh | 43-42 |
| Nov 7 | at Lafayette | 48-14 |
| Nov 14 | at Colgate | 28-3 |
| Nov 21 | Fordham | 24-19 |

### HOUSTON
Coach: John Jenkins
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Tulsa | |
| Sep 19 | Illinois | 10-51 |
| Sep 26 | at Michigan | |
| Oct 3 | at Baylor | 21-38 |
| Oct 10 | Texas A&M | 18-27 |
| Oct 17 | at SMU | 49-20 |
| Oct 31 | TCU | 45-49 |
| Nov 7 | at Texas | 23-14 |
| Nov 12 | Texas A&M | 18-27 |
| Nov 21 | at Texas Tech | 46-52 |
| Nov 28 | Rice | 41-21 |

### HOWARD
Coach: Steve Wilson
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Morehouse | |
| Sep 12 | Alabama A&M[a] | |
| Sep 19 | Cheyney St.[b] | |
| Sep 26 | Alcorn St. | 27-46 |
| Oct 3 | at Florida A&M | 28-21 |
| Oct 10 | Bethune-Cookman | 14-20 |
| Oct 24 | North Carolina A&T St. | 9-26 |
| Oct 31 | Bowie St. | |
| Nov 7 | at S. Carolina St. | 5-10 |
| Nov 14 | Morgan St. | 28-37 |
| Nov 21 | Delaware St. | 12-56 |

[a]at Los Angeles
[b]at Philadelphia

### IDAHO
Coach: John L. Smith
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Colorado St. | |
| Sep 19 | Weber St. | 17-45 |
| Oct 3 | Cal St.-Northridge | |
| Oct 10 | Idaho St. | 46-21 |
| Oct 17 | at Eastern Wash. | 31-34 |
| Oct 24 | at Northern Iowa | 14-36 |
| Oct 31 | No. Arizona | 44-28 |
| Nov 7 | at Montana | 34-35 |
| Nov 14 | Montana St. | 48-14 |
| Nov 21 | at Boise St. | 28-24 |

### IDAHO STATE
Coach: Garth Hall
1991 Record: 3-7-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Mesa St. | 38-7 |
| Sep 12 | Boise St. | 16-38 |
| Sep 19 | at No. Iowa | |
| Sep 26 | at No. Arizona | 45-14 |
| Oct 10 | at Idaho | 21-46 |
| Oct 17 | at Montana St. | 7-16 |
| Oct 24 | at Weber St. | 41-60 |
| Oct 31 | East. Washington | 43-36 |
| Nov 14 | So. Utah St. | 35-35 |
| Nov 21 | Montana | 13-24 |

### ILLINOIS
Coach: Lou Tepper
1991 Record: 6-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Northern Illinois | |
| Sep 12 | Missouri | 19-23 |
| Sep 19 | at Houston | 51-10 |
| Sep 26 | OPEN | |
| Oct 3 | at Minnesota | 24-3 |
| Oct 10 | at Ohio St. | 10-7 |
| Oct 17 | Iowa | 21-24 |
| Oct 24 | Northwestern | 11-17 |
| Oct 31 | at Wisconsin | 22-6 |
| Nov 7 | Purdue | 41-14 |
| Nov 14 | at Michigan | 0-20 |
| Nov 21 | Michigan St. | 24-27 |

### ILLINOIS STATE
Coach: Jim Heacock
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | SW Minnesota St. | |
| Sep 12 | at No. Illinois | 24-27 |
| Sep 19 | at Indiana St. | 6-3 |
| Sep 26 | East. Illinois | 28-37 |
| Oct 3 | at No. Iowa | 14-17 |
| Oct 10 | at Youngstown St. | |
| Oct 17 | SW Missouri St. | 6-21 |
| Oct 24 | So. Illinois | 11-14 |
| Oct 31 | at West. Illinois | 12-22 |
| Nov 7 | West. Kentucky | 31-8 |
| Nov 14 | at SE Missouri St. | |

### ILLINOIS WESLEYAN
Coach: Norm Eash
1991 Record: 7-1-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | Hope | |
| Sep 26 | at Adrian | |
| Oct 3 | North Central | 44-9 |
| Oct 10 | at Wheaton | 24-24 |
| Oct 17 | Augustana | 35-38 |
| Oct 24 | Carthage | 28-0 |
| Oct 31 | at Elmhurst | 41-12 |
| Nov 7 | Millikin | 27-24 |
| Nov 14 | at North Park | 47-14 |

### INDIANA
Coach: Bill Mallory
1991 Record: 7-4-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Miami (Ohio) | |
| Sep 19 | at Kentucky | 13-10 |
| Sep 26 | Missouri | 27-27 |
| Oct 3 | at Michigan St. | 31-0 |
| Oct 10 | at Northwestern | 44-6 |
| Oct 17 | Michigan | 16-24 |
| Oct 24 | Wisconsin | 28-20 |
| Oct 31 | at Minnesota | 34-8 |
| Nov 7 | Iowa | 21-38 |
| Nov 14 | Ohio St. | 16-20 |
| Nov 21 | at Purdue | 24-22 |

### INDIANA STATE
Coach: Dennis Raetz
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Oklahoma St. | |
| Sep 12 | at West. Kentucky | 31-14 |
| Sep 19 | Illinois St. | 3-6 |
| Sep 26 | Lock Haven | |
| Oct 3 | Youngstown St. | |
| Oct 10 | at East. Illinois | 16-15 |
| Oct 17 | Glenville St. | |
| Oct 24 | at West. Illinois | 7-6 |
| Oct 31 | No. Iowa | 21-49 |
| Nov 14 | SW Missouri St. | 19-68 |
| Nov 21 | at So. Illinois | 23-30 |

### IOWA
Coach: Hayden Fry
1991 Record: 10-1-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aug 27 | North Carolina St.* | |
| Sep 5 | Miami | |
| Sep 12 | Iowa St. | 29-10 |
| Sep 19 | OPEN | |
| Sep 26 | at Colorado | |
| Oct 3 | at Michigan | 24-43 |
| Oct 10 | Wisconsin | 10-6 |
| Oct 17 | at Illinois | 24-21 |
| Oct 24 | Purdue | 31-21 |
| Oct 31 | Ohio St. | 16-9 |
| Nov 7 | at Indiana | 38-21 |
| Nov 14 | Northwestern | 24-10 |
| Nov 21 | at Minnesota | 23-8 |

*at East Rutherford

### IOWA STATE
Coach: Jim Walden
1991 Record: 3-7-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Ohio Univ. | |
| Sep 12 | at Iowa | 10-29 |
| Sep 19 | Tulane | |
| Sep 26 | Northern Iowa | |
| Oct 3 | at Oklahoma | 8-29 |
| Oct 17 | Kansas | 0-41 |
| Oct 24 | at Oklahoma St. | 6-6 |
| Oct 31 | Missouri | 23-22 |
| Nov 7 | at Kansas St. | 7-37 |
| Nov 14 | Nebraska | 13-28 |
| Nov 21 | at Colorado | 14-17 |

### ITHACA
Coach: Jim Butterfield
1991 Record: 8-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Albany St. | 38-7 |
| Sep 19 | Montclair St. | |
| Sep 26 | Alfred | 31-8 |
| Oct 3 | Springfield | 10-14 |
| Oct 10 | at American Int'l | 23-20 |
| Oct 17 | at St. Lawrence | 45-7 |
| Oct 24 | Buffalo St. | 41-23 |
| Oct 31 | Mercyhurst | |
| Nov 7 | at Cortland St. | 23-14 |
| Nov 14 | Washington & Jefferson | |

### JACKSON STATE
Coach: James Carson
1991 Record: 5-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Tuskegee | |
| Sep 12 | Tennessee St.* | 41-19 |
| Sep 19 | at Stephen F. Austin | 31-16 |
| Sep 26 | Mississippi Valley St. | 14-23 |
| Oct 3 | at South Carolina St. | 17-6 |
| Oct 10 | at Alabama St. | 27-28 |
| Oct 17 | at Southern | 20-21 |
| Oct 24 | at Grambling St. | 34-22 |
| Nov 7 | Texas Southern | 13-12 |
| Nov 14 | Prairie View A&M | |
| Nov 21 | at Alcorn St. | 16-18 |

*at Memphis

### JACKSONVILLE ST. (ALA.)
Coach: Bill Burgess
1991 Record: 9-0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Alabama A&M | 44-18 |
| Sep 19 | at West Georgia | 50-24 |
| Sep 26 | Valdosta St. | 24-3 |
| Oct 3 | at Mississippi College | 17-6 |
| Oct 10 | Delta St. | 9-0 |
| Oct 17 | at North Alabama | 48-13 |
| Oct 24 | at Georgia Southern | |
| Oct 31 | Alcorn | |
| Nov 7 | Livingston | 31-0 |
| Nov 14 | Kentucky St. | 42-7 |

### JAMES MADISON
Coach: Rip Scherer
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Virginia Tech | 12-41 |
| Sep 12 | at Richmond | 47-42 |
| Sep 19 | Hofstra | |
| Sep 26 | at Youngstown St. | 21-28 |
| Oct 3 | Northeastern | 27-10 |
| Oct 10 | Appalachian St. | 31-8 |
| Oct 17 | at Georgia Southern | 21-24 |
| Oct 24 | at Towson St. | 55-31 |
| Oct 31 | William & Mary | 29-28 |
| Nov 7 | Liberty | 35-34 |
| Nov 14 | at Cent. Florida | 49-31 |

### JOHN CARROLL
Coach: Tony DeCarlo
1991 Record: 5-3-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Alma | |
| Sep 19 | at Capital | 7-7 |
| Sep 26 | Heidelberg | 23-21 |
| Oct 3 | at Ohio Northern | 17-7 |
| Oct 10 | Mount Union | 20-20 |
| Oct 17 | Muskingum | 17-24 |
| Oct 24 | at Otterbein | 39-0 |
| Oct 31 | Marietta | 42-7 |
| Nov 7 | Hiram | 48-7 |
| Nov 14 | at Baldwin-Wallace | 0-21 |

### KANSAS
Coach: Glen Mason
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Oregon St. | |
| Sep 12 | Ball St. | |
| Sep 19 | at Tulsa | 23-17 |
| Sep 24 | California | |
| Oct 10 | Kansas St. | 12-16 |
| Oct 17 | at Iowa St. | 41-0 |
| Oct 24 | Oklahoma | 3-41 |
| Oct 31 | Oklahoma St. | 31-0 |
| Nov 7 | at Nebraska | 23-59 |
| Nov 14 | Colorado | 24-30 |
| Nov 21 | at Missouri | 53-29 |

### KANSAS STATE
Coach: Bill Snyder
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | Montana | |
| Sep 26 | Temple | |
| Oct 3 | New Mexico St. | |
| Oct 10 | at Kansas | 16-12 |
| Oct 17 | at Utah St. | |
| Oct 24 | at Colorado | 0-10 |
| Oct 31 | at Oklahoma | 7-28 |
| Nov 7 | Iowa St. | 37-7 |
| Nov 14 | at Missouri | 32-0 |
| Nov 21 | Oklahoma St. | 32-36 |
| Dec 6 | Nebraska* | 31-38 |

*at Tokyo

### KENT STATE
Coach: Pete Cordelli
1991 Record: 1-10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Pittsburgh | |
| Sep 19 | Ball St. | 27-28 |
| Sep 26 | at East. Michigan | 20-21 |
| Oct 3 | at Cincinnati | 19-38 |
| Oct 10 | Akron | |
| Oct 17 | at Central Michigan | 7-23 |
| Oct 24 | Ohio Univ. | 40-45 |
| Oct 31 | at Toledo | 14-13 |
| Nov 7 | Bowling Green | 7-35 |
| Nov 14 | at Miami (Ohio) | 9-20 |
| Nov 21 | Western Michigan | 10-13 |

### KENTUCKY
Coach: Bill Curry
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Central Michigan | |
| Sep 12 | at Florida | 26-35 |
| Sep 19 | Indiana | 10-13 |
| Sep 26 | South Carolina | |
| Oct 3 | at Mississippi | 14-35 |
| Oct 17 | at LSU | 26-29 |
| Oct 24 | Georgia | 27-49 |
| Oct 31 | Mississippi St. | 6-31 |
| Nov 7 | Vanderbilt | 7-17 |
| Nov 14 | at Cincinnati | 20-17 |
| Nov 21 | at Tennessee | 7-16 |

### LAFAYETTE
Coach: Bill Russo
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Hofstra | 17-60 |
| Sep 19 | Buffalo | 42-21 |
| Sep 26 | at Princeton | |
| Oct 3 | at Cornell | |
| Oct 10 | at Army | |
| Oct 17 | Harvard | |
| Oct 24 | at Fordham | 33-7 |
| Oct 31 | at Colgate | 48-31 |
| Nov 7 | Holy Cross | 14-48 |
| Nov 14 | at Bucknell | 20-16 |
| Nov 23 | Lehigh | 18-36 |

### LEHIGH
Coach: Hank Small
1991 Record: 9-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Fordham | 32-7 |
| Sep 19 | New Hampshire | |
| Sep 26 | at Cornell | |
| Oct 3 | Princeton | |
| Oct 10 | at Northeastern | 35-22 |
| Oct 17 | at Brown | |
| Oct 24 | Colgate | 21-22 |
| Oct 31 | at Holy Cross | 42-43 |
| Nov 7 | Bucknell | 41-13 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Nov 14 | at William & Mary | 41-37 |
| Nov 21 | at Lafayette | 36-18 |

### LSU
Coach: Curley Hallman
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Texas A&M | 7-45 |
| Sep 12 | Mississippi St. | 19-28 |
| Sep 19 | at Auburn | |
| Sep 26 | Colorado St. | |
| Oct 3 | Tennessee | |
| Oct 10 | at Florida | 0-16 |
| Oct 17 | Kentucky | 29-26 |
| Oct 31 | Mississippi | 25-22 |
| Nov 7 | Alabama | 17-20 |
| Nov 21 | Tulane | 39-20 |
| Nov 28 | at Arkansas | |

### LOUISIANA TECH
Coach: Joe Ray Peace
1991 Record: 8-1-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Baylor | |
| Sep 12 | Eastern Michigan | 17-14 |
| Sep 19 | at Southern Miss. | 30-14 |
| Sep 26 | at Alabama | |
| Oct 3 | at Fresno St. | |
| Oct 10 | SW Louisiana | 14-14 |
| Oct 31 | Arkansas St. | 42-10 |
| Nov 7 | at South Carolina | 12-12 |
| Nov 14 | at Mississippi | |
| Nov 21 | at West Virginia | |

### LOUISVILLE
Coach: Howard Schnellenberger
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Ohio St. | 15-23 |
| Sep 12 | Memphis St. | 7-35 |
| Sep 19 | at Arizona St. | |
| Sep 26 | Wyoming | |
| Oct 3 | Syracuse | |
| Oct 10 | Virginia Tech | 13-41 |
| Oct 17 | Tulsa | 0-40 |
| Oct 24 | at Florida | |
| Oct 31 | at Cincinnati | 7-30 |
| Nov 7 | at Texas A&M | |
| Nov 14 | at Pittsburgh | |

### MAINE
Coach: Kirk Ferentz
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | New Hampshire | 20-38 |
| Sep 12 | Kutztown | |
| Sep 19 | Northeastern | 14-15 |
| Oct 3 | at Richmond | 19-15 |
| Oct 17 | Rhode Island | 30-52 |
| Oct 24 | at Connecticut | 41-20 |
| Oct 31 | Delaware | 10-34 |
| Nov 7 | Boston Univ. | 0-27 |
| Nov 14 | at Massachusetts | 3-10 |
| Nov 21 | at Villanova | 7-48 |

### MARSHALL
Coach: Jim Donnan
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Morehead St. | 70-11 |
| Sep 12 | East. Illinois | |
| Sep 19 | at VMI | 61-0 |
| Oct 3 | at Missouri | |
| Oct 10 | Furman | 38-35 |
| Oct 17 | The Citadel | 37-31 |
| Oct 24 | UT-Chattanooga | 31-38 |
| Oct 31 | at West. Carolina | 27-24 |
| Nov 7 | Appalachian St. | 3-9 |
| Nov 14 | Tennessee Tech | |
| Nov 21 | at East Tennessee St. | 63-9 |

### MARYLAND
Coach: Mark Duffner
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Virginia | 17-6 |
| Sep 12 | N.C. State | 17-20 |
| Sep 19 | at West Virginia | 7-37 |
| Sep 26 | at Penn St. | 7-47 |
| Oct 3 | Pittsburgh | 20-24 |
| Oct 10 | Georgia Tech | 10-34 |
| Oct 17 | Wake Forest | 23-22 |
| Oct 24 | at Duke | 13-17 |
| Oct 31 | North Carolina | 0-24 |
| Nov 7 | at Florida St. | |
| Nov 14 | Clemson | 7-40 |

### MASSACHUSETTS
Coach: James Reid
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 11 | Holy Cross | 20-22 |
| Sep 18 | at Maine | 10-3 |
| Sep 25 | at Boston Univ. | 15-7 |
| Oct 2 | James Madison | 7-24 |
| Oct 9 | Rhode Island | 14-17 |
| Oct 15 | at Connecticut | 21-26 |
| Oct 23 | Delaware | 7-24 |
| Oct 30 | at Northeastern | 27-12 |
| Nov 6 | Richmond | 42-14 |
| Nov 13 | at Villanova | 14-24 |
| Nov 20 | New Hampshire | 28-35 |

### MASSACHUSETTS-BOSTON
Coach: Jim Kent
1991 Record: 4-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | Westfield St. | |
| Sep 26 | at Bridgewater St. | |
| Oct 3 | Worcester St. | 18-7 |
| Oct 10 | at Massachusetts Maritime | 8-15 |
| Oct 17 | UMass/Dartmouth | |
| Oct 24 | at Maine Maritime | 28-35 |
| Oct 31 | at MIT | 20-6 |
| Nov 7 | Fitchburg St. | 8-21 |
| Nov 14 | at Framingham St. | |

### McNEESE STATE
Coach: Bobby Keasler
1991 Record: 6-3-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | SW Missouri | 3-7 |
| Sep 12 | No. Iowa | 5-30 |
| Sep 19 | at Nevada | |
| Sep 26 | at Nicholls St. | 21-3 |
| Oct 10 | NE Louisiana | 10-10 |
| Oct 17 | Northwestern St. | 3-20 |
| Oct 24 | at SW Texas St. | 19-18 |
| Oct 31 | at North Texas | 41-3 |
| Nov 7 | at Stephen F. Austin | 7-7 |
| Nov 14 | Sam Houston St. | 19-17 |
| Nov 21 | at Weber St. | |

### MEMPHIS STATE
Coach: Chuck Stobart
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Southern Miss. | 17-12 |
| Sep 12 | at Louisville | 35-7 |
| Sep 19 | Mississippi St. | 28-23 |
| Sep 26 | Arkansas | |
| Oct 10 | Cincinnati | |
| Oct 17 | Arkansas St. | 31-21 |
| Oct 24 | at Tulsa | 28-33 |
| Oct 31 | at Tulane | |
| Nov 7 | at Mississippi | 0-10 |
| Nov 14 | Tennessee | 24-52 |
| Nov 21 | East Carolina | 13-20 |

### MIAMI
Coach: Dennis Erickson
1991 Record: 12-0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Iowa | |
| Sep 12 | OPEN | |
| Sep 19 | Florida A&M | |
| Sep 26 | Arizona | 36-9 |
| Oct 3 | Florida St. | 17-16 |
| Oct 10 | at Penn St. | 26-20 |
| Oct 17 | TCU | |
| Oct 24 | at Virginia Tech | |
| Oct 31 | West Virginia | 27-3 |
| Nov 7 | OPEN | |
| Nov 14 | Temple | |
| Nov 21 | at Syracuse | |
| Nov 28 | at San Diego St. | 39-12 |

### MIAMI (OHIO)
Coach: Randy Walker
1991 Record: 6-4-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at West Virginia | |
| Sep 12 | at Indiana | |
| Sep 19 | Cincinnati | 22-9 |
| Sep 26 | at Ball St. | 15-7 |
| Oct 3 | at East. Michigan | 29-3 |
| Oct 10 | Central Michigan | 10-10 |
| Oct 17 | at Ohio Univ. | 34-0 |
| Oct 24 | Toledo | 7-24 |
| Oct 31 | at Bowling Green | 7-17 |
| Nov 7 | Western Michigan | 23-24 |
| Nov 14 | Kent | 20-9 |

### MICHIGAN
Coach: Gary Moeller
1991 Record: 10-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Notre Dame | 24-14 |
| Sep 19 | Oklahoma St. | |
| Sep 26 | Houston | |
| Oct 3 | Iowa | 43-24 |
| Oct 10 | Michigan St. | 45-28 |
| Oct 17 | at Indiana | 24-16 |
| Oct 24 | Minnesota | 52-6 |
| Oct 31 | at Purdue | 42-0 |
| Nov 7 | at Northwestern | 59-14 |
| Nov 14 | Illinois | 20-0 |
| Nov 21 | at Ohio St. | 31-3 |

### MICHIGAN STATE
Coach: George Perles
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Central Michigan | 3-20 |
| Sep 19 | Notre Dame | 10-49 |
| Sep 26 | at Boston College | |
| Oct 3 | Indiana | 0-31 |
| Oct 10 | at Michigan | 28-45 |
| Oct 17 | at Minnesota | 20-12 |
| Oct 24 | Ohio St. | 17-27 |
| Oct 31 | at Northwestern | 13-16 |
| Nov 7 | Wisconsin | 20-7 |
| Nov 14 | Purdue | 17-27 |
| Nov 21 | at Illinois | 27-24 |

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
Coach: Boots Donnelly
1991 Record: 9-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Tennessee St. | 42-6 |
| Sep 12 | at Nebraska | |
| Sep 26 | at Murray St. | 35-3 |
| Oct 3 | at Northern Illinois | |
| Oct 10 | Austin Peay | 23-8 |
| Oct 17 | Eastern Kentucky | 7-17 |
| Oct 24 | at SE Missouri | 52-0 |
| Oct 31 | at Georgia Southern | |
| Nov 7 | UT-Martin | 51-14 |
| Nov 14 | Morehead St. | 31-3 |
| Nov 21 | Tennessee Tech | 28-10 |

### MILLERSVILLE
Coach: Dr. Gene Carpenter
1991 Record: 4-5-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Shepherd | 30-20 |
| Sep 19 | American Intl. | |
| Sep 26 | at Shippensburg | |
| Oct 3 | Bloomsburg | 17-24 |
| Oct 10 | at Kutztown | 45-36 |
| Oct 17 | West Chester | 3-12 |
| Oct 24 | at East Stroudsburg | 17-17 |
| Oct 31 | Cheyney | 42-32 |
| Nov 7 | at Mansfield | 30-31 |
| Nov 14 | Edinboro | |

### MINNESOTA
Coach: Jim Wacker
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | San Jose St. | 26-20 |
| Sep 19 | Colorado | 0-58 |
| Sep 26 | at Pittsburgh | 13-14 |
| Oct 3 | Illinois | 3-24 |
| Oct 10 | at Purdue | 6-3 |
| Oct 17 | Michigan St. | 12-20 |
| Oct 24 | at Michigan | 6-52 |
| Oct 31 | Indiana | 8-34 |
| Nov 7 | at Ohio St. | 6-35 |
| Nov 14 | at Wisconsin | 16-19 |
| Nov 21 | Iowa | 8-23 |

### MISSISSIPPI
Coach: Billy Brewer
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Auburn | 13-23 |
| Sep 12 | Tulane | 22-3 |
| Sep 19 | at Vanderbilt | 27-30 |
| Sep 26 | at Georgia | 17-37 |
| Oct 3 | Kentucky | 35-14 |
| Oct 17 | at Arkansas | 24-17 |
| Oct 24 | at Alabama | |
| Oct 31 | LSU | 22-25 |
| Nov 7 | Memphis St. | 10-0 |
| Nov 14 | Louisiana Tech | |
| Nov 28 | Mississippi St. | 9-24 |

### MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
Coach: John Williams
1991 Record: 7-4-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at NW Louisiana | |
| Sep 12 | at No. Alabama | 31-3 |
| Sep 26 | Henderson St. | 42-17 |
| Oct 3 | Jacksonville St. | 6-17 |
| Oct 10 | West Georgia | 49-21 |
| Oct 17 | at Livingston | 25-14 |
| Oct 31 | at Valdosta St. | 10-10 |
| Nov 7 | at Georgia Southern | |
| Nov 14 | Delta St. | 27-10 |

### MISSISSIPPI STATE
Coach: Jackie Sherrill
1991 Record: 7-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Texas | 13-6 |
| Sep 12 | at LSU | 26-19 |
| Sep 19 | at Memphis St. | 23-28 |
| Sep 26 | at Fullerton St. | 47-3 |
| Oct 1 | Florida | 7-29 |
| Oct 10 | Auburn | 24-17 |
| Oct 17 | at South Carolina | |
| Oct 31 | at Kentucky | 31-6 |
| Nov 7 | Arkansas | |
| Nov 14 | Alabama | 7-13 |
| Nov 28 | at Mississippi | 24-9 |

### MISSOURI
Coach: Bob Stull
1991 Record: 3-7-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Illinois | 23-19 |
| Sep 19 | Texas A&M | |
| Sep 26 | at Indiana | 27-27 |
| Oct 3 | Marshall | |
| Oct 8 | Colorado | 7-55 |
| Oct 17 | at Oklahoma St. | 41-7 |
| Oct 24 | Nebraska | 6-63 |
| Oct 31 | at Iowa St. | 22-23 |
| Nov 7 | at Oklahoma | 16-56 |
| Nov 14 | Kansas St. | 0-32 |
| Nov 21 | Kansas | 29-53 |

### MONTANA
Coach: Dan Read
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Washington St. | |
| Sep 12 | Chico St. | |
| Sep 19 | at Kansas St. | |
| Sep 26 | East. Washington | 17-20 |
| Oct 3 | at Boise St. | 21-7 |
| Oct 10 | at Weber St. | 47-38 |
| Oct 17 | No. Arizona | 34-27 |
| Oct 24 | Montana St. | 16-9 |
| Nov 7 | Idaho | 35-34 |
| Nov 14 | Hofstra | |
| Nov 21 | at Idaho St. | 24-13 |

### MONTANA STATE
Coach: Cliff Hysell
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Sacramento St. | 17-19 |
| Sep 12 | Stephen F. Austin | |
| Sep 19 | Mesa St. | |
| Sep 26 | at Weber St. | 25-36 |
| Oct 3 | No. Arizona | 16-27 |
| Oct 10 | at East. Washington | 21-22 |
| Oct 17 | Idaho St. | 16-7 |
| Oct 24 | at Montana | 9-16 |
| Oct 31 | Boise St. | 14-31 |
| Nov 14 | at Idaho | 14-48 |
| Nov 21 | at UNLV | |

### MOREHEAD STATE
Coach: Cole Proctor
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 9 | at Marshall | 11-70 |
| Sep 12 | West Virginia St. | |
| Sep 26 | at UT-Martin | 28-32 |
| Oct 3 | at East Tennessee St. | |
| Oct 10 | Tennessee St. | |
| Oct 17 | Murray St. | |
| Oct 24 | at Tennessee Tech | 21-20 |
| Oct 31 | at Austin Peay | 33-14 |
| Nov 7 | SE Missouri | 16-17 |
| Nov 14 | at Mid. Tennessee | 3-31 |
| Nov 21 | East. Kentucky | 10-41 |

### MURRAY STATE
Coach: Mike Mahoney
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 3 | at SE Missouri St. | 14-10 |
| Sep 12 | Illinois St. | |
| Sep 19 | at East. Illinois | 28-27 |
| Sep 26 | Mid. Tennessee St. | |
| Oct 3 | Austin Peay | 9-27 |
| Oct 10 | at UT-Martin | 40-34 |
| Oct 17 | at Morehead St. | 10-20 |
| Oct 31 | Tennessee Tech | 7-45 |
| Nov 7 | at East. Kentucky | 17-42 |
| Nov 14 | Tennessee St. | 7-28 |
| Nov 21 | West. Kentucky | |

### NAVY
Coach: George Chaump
1991 Record: 1-10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Virginia | 10-17 |
| Sep 19 | at Boston College | |
| Sep 26 | Rutgers | |
| Oct 3 | at North Carolina | |
| Oct 10 | at Air Force | 6-46 |
| Oct 24 | Delaware | 25-29 |
| Oct 31 | Notre Dame | 0-38 |
| Nov 7 | Tulane | 7-34 |
| Nov 14 | Vanderbilt | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Nov 21 | at Rice | |
| Dec 5 | Army at Philadelphia | 24-3 |

### NEBRASKA

Coach: Tom Osborne
1991 Record: 9-2-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Utah | 59-28 |
| Sep 12 | Temple | |
| Sep 19 | at Washington | 21-36 |
| Sep 26 | Arizona St. | 18-9 |
| Oct 10 | Oklahoma St. | 49-15 |
| Oct 24 | at Missouri | 63-6 |
| Oct 31 | Colorado | 19-19 |
| Nov 7 | Kansas | 59-3 |
| Nov 14 | at Iowa St. | 38-13 |
| Nov 21 | at Oklahoma | 19-14 |
| Dec 6 | Kansas St. at Tokyo | 59-23 |

### NEVADA

Coach: Chris Ault
1991 Record: 12-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Wyoming | |
| Sep 12 | Univ. of the Pacific | |
| Sep 19 | McNeese St. | |
| Sep 26 | at Tulane | |
| Oct 3 | at Fullerton St. | |
| Oct 10 | OPEN | |
| Oct 17 | at UNLV | 50-8 |
| Oct 24 | New Mexico St. | |
| Oct 31 | Weber St. | 55-49 |
| Nov 7 | at San Jose St. | |
| Nov 14 | Utah St. | |
| Nov 21 | Texas Southern | |

### NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

Coach: Jim Strong
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | UTEP | |
| Sep 19 | No. Arizona | |
| Sep 26 | at Oregon | 23-9 |
| Oct 3 | at Pacific | 23-44 |
| Oct 10 | at New Mexico St. | 38-28 |
| Oct 17 | Nevada | 8-50 |
| Oct 14 | at Hawaii | |
| Oct 31 | San Jose St. | 12-55 |
| Nov 7 | at Utah St. | 14-27 |
| Nov 21 | Montana St. | |
| Nov 28 | Fullerton St. | 25-3 |

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Coach: Bill Bowes
1991 Record: 9-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Maine | 38-20 |
| Sep 12 | Connecticut | 21-16 |
| Sep 19 | at Lehigh | |
| Sep 26 | Dartmouth | |
| Oct 3 | Delaware | 45-28 |
| Oct 10 | at Richmond | 34-0 |
| Oct 24 | Northeastern | 18-14 |
| Oct 31 | at Boston Univ. | 45-26 |
| Nov 7 | Villanova | 7-33 |
| Nov 14 | at Rhode Island | 42-35 |
| Nov 21 | Massachusetts | 35-28 |

### NEW MEXICO

Coach: Dennis Franchione
1991 Record: 3-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | TCU | 7-60 |
| Sep 12 | at New Mexico St. | 17-10 |
| Sep 19 | at Florida | |
| Sep 26 | at Air Force | 34-32 |
| Oct 3 | San Diego St. | 24-38 |
| Oct 10 | at Wyoming | 19-39 |
| Oct 17 | Utah | 7-30 |
| Oct 24 | Memphis St. | |
| Oct 31 | UTEP | 19-35 |
| Nov 7 | at Brigham Young | 23-41 |
| Nov 14 | at Hawaii | 13-35 |
| Nov 21 | Colorado St. | 38-36 |

### NEW MEXICO STATE

Coach: Jim Hess
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Weber St. | |
| Sep 12 | New Mexico | 10-17 |
| Sep 19 | at UTEP | 21-22 |
| Sep 26 | at Utah St. | 21-46 |
| Oct 3 | at Kansas St. | 14-54 |
| Oct 10 | UNLV | 28-38 |
| Oct 17 | Pacific | 20-27 |
| Oct 24 | at Nevada | |
| Oct 31 | at Arizona | |
| Nov 14 | Fullerton St. | 35-12 |
| Nov 21 | at San Jose St. | 13-39 |

### NICHOLLS STATE

Coach: Phil Greco
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | NE Louisiana | 15-10 |
| Sep 12 | at Texas A&I | 3-7 |
| Sep 26 | McNeese St. | 3-21 |
| Oct 3 | at SW Texas St. | 10-19 |
| Oct 10 | Sam Houston St. | 19-28 |
| Oct 17 | at Central Florida | |
| Oct 24 | at Stephen F. Austin | 26-0 |
| Oct 31 | Southern | 21-7 |
| Nov 7 | at North Texas | 19-24 |
| Nov 14 | at Northwestern St. | 10-16 |
| Nov 21 | Troy St. | 25-17 |

### NORTH ALABAMA

Coach: Bobby Wallace
1991 Record: 3-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Central Missouri St. | 28-7 |
| Sep 12 | Mississippi College | 3-31 |
| Sep 19 | Alabama A&M | |
| Sep 26 | at Delta St. | 6-31 |
| Oct 10 | at Fort Valley St. | 28-34 |
| Oct 17 | Jacksonville St. | 13-48 |
| Oct 24 | Troy St. | 9-31 |
| Oct 31 | at Livingston | 14-0 |
| Nov 7 | West Georgia | 26-28 |
| Nov 14 | at Valdosta St. | 17-34 |

### NORTH CAROLINA

Coach: Mack Brown
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Wake Forest | 24-10 |
| Sep 12 | Furman | |
| Sep 19 | Army | 20-12 |
| Sep 26 | N.C. State | 7-24 |
| Oct 3 | Navy | |
| Oct 10 | at Florida St. | |
| Oct 17 | Virginia | 9-14 |
| Oct 24 | Georgia Tech | 14-35 |
| Oct 31 | at Maryland | 24-0 |
| Nov 7 | at Clemson | 6-21 |
| Nov 21 | at Duke | 47-14 |

### NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Coach: Dick Sheridan
1991 Record: 9-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aug 29 | Iowa at E. Ruth. | |
| Sep 5 | Appalachian St. | |
| Sep 12 | at Maryland | 20-17 |
| Sep 19 | Florida St. | |
| Sep 26 | at North Carolina | 24-7 |
| Oct 3 | at Georgia Tech | 28-21 |
| Oct 10 | Texas Tech | |
| Oct 17 | at Virginia Tech | 7-0 |
| Oct 24 | Clemson | 19-29 |
| Nov 7 | at Virginia | 10-42 |
| Nov 14 | Duke | 32-31 |
| Nov 21 | Wake Forest | 30-3 |

### NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Coach: Rocky Hager
1991 Record: 7-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Cal Poly SLO | |
| Sep 19 | at Augustana (S.D.) | 41-6 |
| Sep 26 | South Dakota St. | 35-0 |
| Oct 3 | at South Dakota | 35-12 |
| Oct 10 | St. Cloud St. | 32-9 |
| Oct 17 | at Mankato St. | 21-13 |
| Oct 24 | No. Colorado | 14-23 |
| Oct 31 | at Nebraska-Omaha | |
| Nov 7 | Morningside | 56-10 |
| Nov 14 | at North Dakota | 35-28 |

### NORTHEASTERN

Coach: Barry Gallup
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Northern Arizona | |
| Sep 19 | at Maine | 15-14 |
| Sep 26 | Connecticut | |
| Oct 3 | at James Madison | 10-27 |
| Oct 10 | Lehigh | 22-35 |
| Oct 17 | Youngstown St. | 7-59 |
| Oct 24 | at New Hampshire | 14-18 |
| Oct 31 | at Massachusetts | 12-27 |
| Nov 7 | Rhode Island | 20-28 |
| Nov 14 | at Towson St. | 50-13 |
| Nov 21 | at Boston Univ. | |

### NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Coach: Dave Roberts
1991 Record: 7-3-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Nicholls St. | 10-15 |
| Sep 12 | at SW Louisiana | 21-10 |
| Sep 19 | at East. Kentucky | |
| Sep 26 | SW Texas | 17-8 |
| Oct 3 | Delta St. | |
| Oct 10 | at McNeese St. | 10-10 |
| Oct 17 | Sam Houston St. | 15-27 |
| Oct 24 | at Northwestern St. | 24-9 |
| Oct 31 | OPEN | |
| Nov 7 | East. Washington | |
| Nov 14 | Stephen F. Austin | 48-20 |
| Nov 21 | at North Texas | 44-21 |

### NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

Coach: Eric Holm
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Indiana (Pa.) | |
| Sep 12 | Iowa Wesleyan | 31-34 |
| Sep 19 | Washburn | 14-7 |
| Sep 26 | at Emporia St. | 41-42 |
| Oct 3 | SW Baptist | 25-37 |
| Oct 10 | at Pittsburgh St. | 20-55 |
| Oct 17 | NW Missouri St. | 37-28 |
| Oct 24 | at Cent. Missouri St. | 37-38 |
| Oct 31 | at Missouri Western St. | 42-21 |
| Nov 7 | Missouri Southern St. | 43-42 |
| Nov 14 | at Missouri-Rolla | 17-16 |

### NORTHERN ARIZONA

Coach: Steve Axman
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | So. Utah St. | |
| Sep 12 | Northeastern | |
| Sep 19 | at UNLV | |
| Sep 26 | Idaho St. | |
| Oct 3 | at Montana St. | |
| Oct 10 | Boise St. | |
| Oct 17 | at Montana | |
| Oct 24 | East. Washington | |
| Oct 31 | at Idaho | 28-44 |
| Nov 7 | Weber St. | 38-43 |
| Nov 14 | Minnesota-Duluth | |

### NORTHERN COLORADO

Coach: Joe Glenn
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Western St. | 47-19 |
| Sep 12 | at Mesa | |
| Sep 19 | at Mankato St. | 24-13 |
| Sep 26 | St. Cloud St. | 31-19 |
| Oct 3 | at Augustana | 51-6 |
| Oct 10 | Morningside | 10-7 |
| Oct 17 | Nebraska-Omaha | 7-13 |
| Oct 24 | at North Dakota St. | 23-14 |
| Oct 31 | North Dakota | |
| Nov 7 | at South Dakota | 45-20 |
| Nov 14 | South Dakota St. | 13-17 |

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Charlie Salder
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Illinois | |
| Sep 12 | Akron | 7-17 |
| Sep 19 | at Arkansas St. | 22-21 |
| Sep 26 | at Wisconsin | |
| Oct 3 | Murray St. | |
| Oct 10 | Southern Miss. | |
| Oct 17 | Temple | |
| Oct 31 | at West. Michigan | 10-22 |
| Nov 7 | at SW Louisiana | 12-13 |
| Nov 14 | at Army | |
| Nov 21 | Toledo | 21-42 |

### NORTHERN IOWA

Coach: Terry Allen
1991 Record: 11-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at McNeese St. | 30-5 |
| Sep 19 | Idaho St. | 36-14 |
| Sep 26 | at Iowa St. | |
| Oct 3 | Illinois St. | 17-14 |
| Oct 10 | Western Kentucky | 49-21 |
| Oct 17 | at Southern Illinois | 20-21 |
| Oct 24 | Idaho | 36-14 |
| Oct 31 | at Indiana St. | 49-21 |
| Nov 7 | at Eastern Illinois | 18-17 |
| Nov 14 | Western Illinois | 24-17 |
| Nov 21 | SW Missouri St. | 22-0 |

### NORTH TEXAS

Coach: Dennis Parker
1991 Record: 3-7-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Abilene Christian | 24-0 |
| Sep 12 | at SMU | |
| Sep 19 | at SW Missouri St. | 21-21 |
| Sep 26 | at Univ. of Texas | |
| Oct 3 | OPEN | |
| Oct 10 | Northwestern St. | 10-24 |
| Oct 17 | at Stephen F. Austin | 18-14 |
| Oct 24 | at Sam Houston St. | 6-14 |
| Oct 31 | McNeese St. | 3-41 |
| Nov 7 | Nicholls St. | 24-19 |
| Nov 14 | at SW Texas St. | 36-8 |
| Nov 21 | NE Louisiana | 21-44 |

### NORTHWESTERN

Coach: Gary Barnett
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Notre Dame* | |
| Sep 12 | at Boston College | |
| Sep 19 | at Stanford | |
| Oct 3 | at Purdue | 14-17 |
| Oct 10 | Indiana | 6-44 |
| Oct 17 | at Ohio St. | 3-34 |
| Oct 24 | at Illinois | 17-11 |
| Oct 31 | Michigan St. | 16-13 |
| Nov 7 | Michigan | 14-59 |
| Nov 14 | at Iowa | 10-24 |
| Nov 21 | Wisconsin | 14-32 |

*at Soldier Field

### NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE

Coach: Lee Browes
1991 Record: 8-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Adams St. | 13-32 |
| Sep 12 | at Langston | 23-6 |
| Sep 19 | New Mexico Highlands | 23-6 |
| Sep 26 | Arkansas Tech | |
| Oct 10 | West. New Mexico | |
| Oct 17 | at Southwestern | 20-14 |
| Oct 24 | at Tarleton St. | 27-21 |
| Oct 31 | East Central | 13-7 |
| Nov 7 | at Southeastern | 10-3 |
| Nov 14 | Northeastern | 6-35 |

### NORTHWESTERN STATE

Coach: Sam Goodwin
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Mississippi College | |
| Sep 12 | at Troy St. | |
| Sep 19 | OPEN | |
| Sep 26 | East Texas | 26-23 |
| Oct 3 | at Arkansas St. | 28-3 |
| Oct 10 | at North Texas | 24-10 |
| Oct 17 | at McNeese St. | 20-3 |
| Oct 24 | Northeast Louisiana | 9-24 |
| Oct 31 | Southwest Texas St. | 0-24 |
| Nov 7 | Sam Houston St. | 3-13 |
| Nov 14 | Nicholls St. | 16-10 |
| Nov 21 | at Stephen F. Austin | 52-0 |

### NOTRE DAME

Coach: Lou Holtz
1991 Record: 10-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Northwestern* | |
| Sep 12 | Michigan | 14-24 |
| Sep 19 | at Michigan St. | 49-10 |
| Sep 26 | Purdue | 45-20 |
| Oct 3 | Stanford | 42-26 |
| Oct 10 | at Pittsburgh | 42-7 |
| Oct 24 | Brigham Young | |
| Oct 31 | at Navy | 38-0 |
| Nov 7 | Boston College | |
| Nov 14 | Penn St. | 13-35 |
| Nov 28 | at Southern Cal | 24-20 |

*at Soldier Field

### OHIO

Coach: Tom Lichtenberg
1991 Record: 2-8-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Iowa St. | |
| Sep 12 | at Kent | 45-40 |
| Sep 19 | at Central Michigan | 17-17 |
| Sep 26 | Western Michigan | 9-35 |
| Oct 3 | Akron | |
| Oct 10 | at Bowling Green | 14-45 |
| Oct 17 | Miami (Ohio) | 0-34 |
| Oct 24 | at Eastern Michigan | 10-13 |
| Oct 31 | Ball St. | 6-10 |
| Nov 7 | Youngstown St. | |
| Nov 14 | at Colorado St. | |

### OHIO NORTHERN

Coach: Tom Kaczkowski
1991 Record: 3-6-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Bluffton | |
| Sep 19 | at Hiram | 44-15 |
| Sep 26 | Baldwin-Wallace | 6-10 |
| Oct 3 | John Carroll | 7-17 |
| Oct 10 | at Muskingum | 7-21 |
| Oct 17 | at Capital | 10-26 |
| Oct 24 | Marietta | 40-6 |
| Oct 31 | at Otterbein | 34-17 |
| Nov 7 | at Heidelberg | 14-14 |
| Nov 14 | Mount Union | 10-13 |

### OHIO STATE

Coach: John Cooper
1991 Record: 8-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Louisville | |
| Sep 12 | Bowling Green | |
| Sep 19 | at Syracuse | 17-24 |
| Oct 3 | at Wisconsin | 31-16 |
| Oct 10 | Illinois | 7-10 |
| Oct 17 | Northwestern | 34-3 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct 24 | at Michigan St. | 27-17 |
| Oct 31 | at Iowa | 9-16 |
| Nov 7 | Minnesota | 35-6 |
| Nov 14 | at Indiana | 20-16 |
| Nov 21 | Michigan | 3-31 |

### OKLAHOMA
Coach: Gary Gibbs
1991 Record: 9-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 3 | at Texas Tech | |
| Sep 12 | Arkansas St. | |
| Sep 19 | Southern Cal | |
| Oct 3 | Iowa St. | 29-8 |
| Oct 10 | Texas at Dallas | 7-10 |
| Oct 17 | at Colorado | 17-34 |
| Oct 24 | at Kansas | 41-3 |
| Oct 31 | Kansas St. | 28-7 |
| Nov 7 | Missouri | 56-16 |
| Nov 14 | at Oklahoma St. | 21-6 |
| Nov 21 | Nebraska | 14-19 |

### OKLAHOMA STATE
Coach: Pat Jones
1991 Record: 0-10-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Indiana St. | |
| Sep 19 | at Michigan | |
| Sep 26 | Tulsa | 7-13 |
| Oct 3 | TCU | 21-24 |
| Oct 10 | at Nebraska | 15-49 |
| Oct 17 | Missouri | 7-41 |
| Oct 24 | Iowa St. | 6-6 |
| Oct 31 | at Kansas | 0-31 |
| Nov 7 | at Colorado | 12-16 |
| Nov 14 | Oklahoma | 6-21 |
| Nov 21 | at Kansas St. | 26-36 |

### OREGON
Coach: Rich Brooks
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Hawaii | |
| Sep 12 | at Stanford | 13-33 |
| Sep 19 | Texas Tech | 28-13 |
| Sep 26 | UNLV | |
| Oct 3 | Arizona St. | 21-24 |
| Oct 10 | at USC | 14-30 |
| Oct 17 | Washington | 7-29 |
| Oct 31 | at Washington St. | 40-14 |
| Nov 7 | California | 7-45 |
| Nov 14 | UCLA | 7-16 |
| Nov 21 | at Oregon St. | 3-14 |

### OREGON STATE
Coach: Jerry Pettibone
1991 Record: 1-10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Kansas | |
| Sep 12 | Fresno St. | 20-24 |
| Sep 19 | Arizona | 21-45 |
| Sep 26 | at Utah | 10-22 |
| Oct 3 | at California | 14-27 |
| Oct 10 | Washington St. | 7-55 |
| Oct 17 | at Arizona St. | 7-24 |
| Oct 24 | Stanford | 10-40 |
| Nov 7 | at UCLA | 7-44 |
| Nov 14 | at Washington | 6-58 |
| Nov 21 | Oregon | 14-3 |

### PACIFIC
Coach: Chuck Shelton
1991 Record: 5-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Fresno St. | 14-59 |
| Sep 12 | at Nevada | |
| Sep 19 | at Boise St. | |
| Oct 3 | UNLV | 44-23 |
| Oct 10 | at Arizona St. | |
| Oct 17 | at New Mexico St. | 27-20 |
| Oct 24 | at Washington | |
| Nov 7 | Fullerton St. | 56-28 |
| Nov 14 | San Jose St. | 47-64 |
| Nov 21 | Utah St. | 14-21 |

### PENN STATE
Coach: Joe Paterno
1991 Record: 11-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Cincinnati | 81-0 |
| Sep 12 | Temple | 24-7 |
| Sep 19 | Eastern Michigan | |
| Sep 26 | Maryland | 47-7 |
| Oct 3 | at Rutgers | 37-17 |
| Oct 10 | Miami | 20-26 |
| Oct 17 | Boston College | 28-21 |
| Oct 24 | at West Virginia | 51-6 |
| Oct 31 | at Brigham Young | 33-7 |
| Nov 14 | at Notre Dame | 35-13 |
| Nov 21 | Pittsburgh | 32-20 |

### PENNSYLVANIA
Coach: Al Bagnoli
1991 Record: 2-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 21 | at Dartmouth | 15-21 |
| Sep 26 | Colgate | |
| Oct 3 | at Fordham | |
| Oct 10 | William & Mary | |
| Oct 17 | Columbia | 14-20 |
| Oct 24 | at Brown | 28-19 |
| Oct 31 | Yale | 12-31 |
| Nov 7 | at Princeton | 12-17 |
| Nov 14 | Harvard | 18-22 |
| Nov 21 | at Cornell | 14-13 |

### PITTSBURG STATE
Coach: Chuck Broyles
1991 Record: 9-1-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | East Texas St. | 13-20 |
| Sep 19 | SW Baptist | 23-17 |
| Sep 26 | at Missouri-Rolla | 6-6 |
| Oct 3 | at NW Missouri St. | 38-0 |
| Oct 10 | NE Missouri St. | 55-20 |
| Oct 17 | at Mo. Western St. | 59-14 |
| Oct 24 | Mo. Southern St. | 43-21 |
| Oct 31 | at Emporia St. | 70-36 |
| Nov 7 | Washburn | 21-0 |
| Nov 14 | at Cent. Missouri St. | 28-14 |

### PITTSBURGH
Coach: Paul Hackett
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Kent | |
| Sep 12 | West Virginia | 34-3 |
| Sep 17 | at Rutgers | 22-7 |
| Sep 19 | OPEN | |
| Sep 26 | Minnesota | 14-13 |
| Oct 3 | at Maryland | 24-20 |
| Oct 10 | Notre Dame | 7-42 |
| Oct 17 | at Temple | 26-7 |
| Oct 24 | East Carolina | 23-24 |
| Oct 31 | at Syracuse | 27-31 |
| Nov 7 | OPEN | |
| Nov 14 | Louisville | |
| Nov 21 | at Penn St. | 20-32 |
| Dec 5 | at Hawaii | |

### PORTLAND STATE
Coach: Pokey Allen
1991 Record: 9-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Calgary | |
| Sep 12 | East. Washington | 35-23 |
| Sep 19 | Texas A&I | 14-35 |
| Sep 26 | at Sonoma St. | 30-6 |
| Oct 3 | South. Utah | 33-30 |
| Oct 10 | Kearney St. | |
| Oct 24 | at Boise St. | |
| Oct 31 | at C. St.-Sacramento | 35-19 |
| Nov 7 | at C. St.-Northridge | 38-13 |
| Nov 14 | San Luis Obispo | 55-35 |

### PRINCETON
Coach: Steven Tosches
1991 Record: 8-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | at Cornell | 18-0 |
| Sep 26 | Lafayette | |
| Oct 3 | at Lehigh | |
| Oct 10 | Brown | 59-37 |
| Oct 17 | at Holy Cross | |
| Oct 24 | Harvard | 21-24 |
| Oct 31 | at Columbia | 22-6 |
| Nov 7 | Pennsylvania | 17-12 |
| Nov 14 | at Yale | 22-16 |
| Nov 21 | Dartmouth | 13-31 |

### PURDUE
Coach: Jim Colletto
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | California | 18-42 |
| Sep 19 | Toledo | |
| Sep 26 | at Notre Dame | 20-45 |
| Oct 3 | Northwestern | 17-14 |
| Oct 10 | Minnesota | 3-6 |
| Oct 17 | at Wisconsin | 28-7 |
| Oct 24 | at Iowa | 21-31 |
| Oct 31 | Michigan | 0-42 |
| Nov 7 | at Illinois | 14-41 |
| Nov 14 | at Michigan St. | 27-17 |
| Nov 21 | Indiana | 22-24 |

### RHODE ISLAND
Coach: Bob Griffin
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Towson St. | 42-25 |
| Sep 19 | at Delaware | 7-42 |
| Sep 26 | Richmond | 10-19 |
| Oct 3 | at Brown | 38-36 |
| Oct 10 | Massachusetts | 17-14 |
| Oct 17 | at Maine | 52-30 |
| Oct 24 | Boston Univ. | 0-43 |
| Oct 31 | at Villanova | 14-49 |
| Nov 7 | at Northeastern | 28-20 |
| Nov 14 | New Hampshire | 35-42 |
| Nov 21 | at Connecticut | 20-10 |

### RICE
Coach: Fred Goldsmith
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Air Force | |
| Sep 19 | at Duke | |
| Sep 26 | Sam Houston St. | |
| Oct 3 | Texas | 7-28 |
| Oct 10 | SMU | 31-10 |
| Oct 17 | at Texas A&M | 21-38 |
| Oct 24 | at TCU | 28-39 |
| Nov 7 | Texas Tech | 20-40 |
| Nov 14 | Baylor | 20-17 |
| Nov 21 | Navy | |
| Nov 28 | at Houston | 21-41 |

### RICHMOND
Coach: Jim Marshall
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | James Madison | 42-47 |
| Sep 19 | at Villanova | 3-35 |
| Sep 26 | at Rhode Island | 19-10 |
| Oct 3 | Maine | 15-19 |
| Oct 10 | New Hampshire | 0-34 |
| Oct 17 | at Boston Univ. | 32-18 |
| Oct 24 | at VMI | 27-38 |
| Oct 31 | at Connecticut | 34-35 |
| Nov 7 | Massachusetts | 14-42 |
| Nov 14 | Delaware | 17-23 |
| Nov 21 | William & Mary | 7-49 |

### RUTGERS
Coach: Doug Graber
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Boston College | 20-13 |
| Sep 12 | Colgate | |
| Sep 17 | Pittsburgh | 17-22 |
| Sep 26 | at Navy | |
| Oct 3 | Penn St. | 17-37 |
| Oct 10 | at Syracuse | 7-21 |
| Oct 17 | Army | 14-12 |
| Oct 24 | OPEN | |
| Oct 31 | Virginia Tech | |
| Nov 7 | at Cincinnati | |
| Nov 14 | West Virginia | 3-28 |
| Nov 21 | at Temple | 41-0 |

### SAGINAW VALLEY STATE
Coach: George Ihler
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Hillsdale | 0-14 |
| Sep 12 | at Wayne St. | 9-21 |
| Sep 19 | at No. Michigan | 14-7 |
| Sep 26 | St. Joseph's (Ind.) | 38-33 |
| Oct 3 | at Grand Valley St. | 14-10 |
| Oct 10 | Ashland | 6-26 |
| Oct 17 | at Indianapolis | 21-7 |
| Oct 24 | Northwood Institute | 10-7 |
| Oct 31 | Valparaiso | 54-14 |
| Nov 7 | at Ferris St. | 15-18 |
| Nov 14 | Butler | 10-13 |

### ST. THOMAS (MINN.)
Coach: Vic Wallace
1991 Record: 6-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | UW-River Falls | |
| Sep 19 | at St. Olaf | 25-26 |
| Sep 26 | Macalester | 22-0 |
| Oct 3 | at Carleton | 28-19 |
| Oct 10 | Concordia (Minn.) | |
| Oct 17 | at Augsburg | 27-3 |
| Oct 24 | St. John's (Minn.) | 15-43 |
| Oct 31 | at Gustavus Adolphus | 7-28 |
| Nov 7 | Hamline | 23-30 |
| Nov 14 | at Bethel (Minn.) | 28-21 |

### SAMFORD
Coach: Terry Bowden
1991 Record: 10-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | West Georgia | |
| Sep 12 | at Auburn | |
| Sep 19 | at Tennessee Tech | 20-16 |
| Sep 26 | Bethune-Cookman* | |
| Oct 3 | West. Carolina | 16-3 |
| Oct 10 | East. Kentucky | |
| Oct 17 | SE Missouri St. | 48-24 |
| Oct 31 | Alabama-Birmingham | |
| Nov 7 | at Troy St. | 24-22 |
| Nov 14 | at UT-Martin | |
| Nov 21 | Cent. Florida | 13-6 |

*at Daytona Beach, Fla.

### SAM HOUSTON STATE
Coach: Ron Randleman
1991 Record: 8-3-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Western Illinois | 21-21 |
| Sep 19 | Angelo St. | 16-6 |
| Sep 26 | at Rice | |
| Oct 3 | Alcorn St. | |
| Oct 10 | at Nicholls St. | 28-19 |
| Oct 17 | at NE Louisiana | 27-15 |
| Oct 24 | North Texas | 14-6 |
| Oct 31 | Stephen F. Austin | 3-13 |
| Nov 7 | at Northwestern St. | 13-3 |
| Nov 14 | at McNeese St. | 17-19 |
| Nov 21 | Southwest Texas | 20-14 |

### SAN DIEGO
Coach: Brian Fogarty
1991 Record: 7-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Cal St.-Hayward | 20-21 |
| Sep 12 | at LaVerne | 38-37 |
| Sep 19 | Redlands | 17-14 |
| Sep 26 | Claremont McKenna | 30-3 |
| Oct 3 | California Lutheran | 20-21 |
| Oct 10 | at Whittier | 31-7 |
| Oct 17 | at Azusa Pacific | 34-42 |
| Oct 24 | Occidental | 28-19 |
| Oct 31 | at Pomona Pitzer | 56-3 |
| Nov 7 | at Menlo | 13-3 |

### SAN DIEGO STATE
Coach: Al Luginbill
1991 Record: 8-4-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Southern Cal | |
| Sep 10 | at Brigham Young | 52-52 |
| Sep 19 | Hawaii | 47-21 |
| Sep 26 | at UCLA | 12-37 |
| Oct 3 | at New Mexico | 38-24 |
| Oct 10 | Texas-El Paso | 28-21 |
| Oct 17 | Air Force | 20-21 |
| Oct 31 | at Wyoming | 24-22 |
| Nov 7 | at Colorado St. | 42-32 |
| Nov 14 | Utah | 24-21 |
| Nov 28 | Miami | 12-39 |

### SAN JOSE STATE
Coach: Ron Turner
1991 Record: 6-4-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at California | 20-41 |
| Sep 12 | at Minnesota | 20-26 |
| Sep 19 | SW Louisiana | |
| Sep 26 | at Stanford | |
| Oct 3 | at Wyoming | |
| Oct 10 | Fullerton St. | 35-7 |
| Oct 24 | at Utah St. | 23-7 |
| Oct 31 | at UNLV | 55-12 |
| Nov 7 | Nevada | |
| Nov 14 | at Pacific | 64-47 |
| Nov 21 | New Mexico St. | 39-13 |

### SONOMA STATE
Coach: Tim Walsh
1991 Record: 9-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Santa Clara | |
| Sep 19 | at East. Washington | |
| Sep 26 | Portland St. | 6-30 |
| Oct 3 | at Cal Poly SLO | 27-7 |
| Oct 10 | at St. Mary's (Calif) | 22-18 |
| Oct 17 | at UC-Davis | 23-12 |
| Oct 24 | Cal St.-Hayward | 22-13 |
| Oct 31 | Humboldt St. | 35-0 |
| Nov 7 | at Cal St.-Chico | 38-17 |
| Nov 11 | San Francisco St. | 24-23 |

### SOUTH CAROLINA
Coach: Sparky Woods
1991 Record: 3-6-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Georgia | |
| Sep 12 | Arkansas | |
| Sep 19 | East Carolina | 20-31 |
| Sep 26 | at Kentucky | |
| Oct 3 | at Alabama | |
| Oct 17 | Mississippi St. | |
| Oct 24 | at Vanderbilt | |
| Oct 31 | Tennessee | |
| Nov 7 | Louisiana Tech | 12-12 |
| Nov 14 | at Florida | |
| Nov 21 | at Clemson | 24-41 |

### SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
Coach: Willie Jeffries
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Newberry | 28-7 |
| Sep 12 | at Florida A&M | 21-7 |
| Sep 19 | Southern[a] | 30-23 |
| Oct 3 | Jackson St.[b] | 6-17 |
| Oct 10 | Morgan St. | 21-6 |
| Oct 17 | Bethune-Cookman | 21-24 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct 24 | No. Carolina Central | |
| Oct 31 | at Delaware St. | 14-19 |
| Nov 7 | at Charleston So. | 12-0 |
| Nov 14 | Howard | 10-5 |
| Nov 21 | at No. Carolina A&T | 21-49 |

[a]at Atlanta
[b]at Columbia, S.C.

### SOUTHERN

Coach: Marino Casem
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Alabama St. | 16-19 |
| Sep 19 | South Carolina St.[a] | 23-30 |
| Oct 3 | Mississippi Valley St. | 0-7 |
| Oct 10 | Winston-Salem | |
| Oct 17 | Jackson St. | 21-20 |
| Oct 24 | at Alcorn St. | 29-52 |
| Oct 31 | at Nicholls St. | 7-21 |
| Nov 7 | Florida A&M | 20-24 |
| Nov 14 | Texas Southern | 38-30 |
| Nov 21 | at Prairie View A&M | 56-20 |
| Nov 28 | Grambling St.[b] | 31-30 |

[a]at Atlanta
[b]at New Orleans

### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Bob Smith
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Troy St. | 13-30 |
| Sep 12 | SE Missouri St. | 28-27 |
| Sep 19 | Austin Peay | 21-17 |
| Sep 26 | at Arkansas St. | |
| Oct 3 | at Eastern Illinois | 31-30 |
| Oct 10 | Western Illinois | 20-21 |
| Oct 17 | Northern Iowa | 21-20 |
| Oct 24 | at Illinois St. | 14-11 |
| Oct 31 | at Western Kentucky | |
| Nov 7 | at SW Missouri St. | 13-17 |
| Nov 21 | Indiana St. | 30-23 |

### SMU

Coach: Tom Rossley
1991 Record: 1-10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Tulane | 31-17 |
| Sep 12 | at New Mexico | |
| Sep 26 | TCU | 10-18 |
| Oct 3 | North Texas | |
| Oct 10 | at Baylor | 7-45 |
| Oct 17 | Houston | 20-49 |
| Oct 24 | at Texas | 0-34 |
| Oct 31 | Texas A&M | 6-65 |
| Nov 7 | at Rice | 10-31 |
| Nov 14 | at Texas Tech | 14-38 |
| Nov 21 | at Arkansas | 6-17 |

### SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Coach: Jeff Bower
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Memphis St. | 12-17 |
| Sep 12 | at Alabama | |
| Sep 19 | Louisiana Tech | 14-30 |
| Sep 26 | at Auburn | 10-9 |
| Oct 3 | Tulsa | 10-13 |
| Oct 10 | at Northern Illinois | |
| Oct 15 | at Tulane | 47-14 |
| Oct 24 | Cincinnati | 7-17 |
| Oct 29 | at East Carolina | 20-48 |
| Nov 7 | at Florida | |
| Nov 14 | at Virginia Tech | |

### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

Coach: Jesse Branch
1991 Record: 6-4-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at McNeese St. | |
| Sep 12 | Washburn | |
| Sep 19 | North Texas | |
| Sep 26 | at West. Kentucky | |
| Oct 3 | West. Illinois | 21-26 |
| Oct 10 | at Tulsa | 13-34 |
| Oct 17 | at Illinois St. | 21-6 |
| Oct 24 | East. Illinois | 29-35 |
| Nov 7 | Southern Illinois | 17-13 |
| Nov 14 | at Indiana St. | 68-19 |
| Nov 21 | at No. Iowa | |

### SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

Coach: Jim Bob Helduser
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Texas A & I | 29-14 |
| Sep 12 | Texas Southern | 31-29 |
| Sep 26 | at NE Louisiana | |
| Oct 3 | Nicholls St. | 19-10 |
| Oct 10 | Stephen F. Austin | 31-15 |
| Oct 24 | McNeese St. | 18-19 |
| Oct 31 | at Northwestern St. | 24-0 |
| Nov 7 | at Prairie View A&M | 59-6 |
| Nov 14 | North Texas | 36-8 |
| Nov 21 | at Sam Houston St. | 14-20 |

### SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Coach: Nelson Stokley
1991 Record: 2-8-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Tennessee | |
| Sep 12 | NE Louisiana | 10-21 |
| Sep 19 | at San Jose St. | |
| Sep 26 | at Akron | |
| Oct 3 | Mississippi St. | |
| Oct 10 | at Louisiana Tech | 14-14 |
| Oct 17 | Fullerton St. | |
| Oct 24 | at Auburn | 7-50 |
| Oct 31 | at Tulsa | 20-34 |
| Nov 7 | Northern Illinois | 13-12 |
| Nov 21 | Arkansas St. | 17-13 |

### STANFORD

Coach: Bill Walsh
1991 Record: 8-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aug 26 | Texas A&M* | |
| Sep 12 | Oregon | 33-13 |
| Sep 19 | Northwestern | |
| Sep 26 | San Jose St. | |
| Oct 3 | at Notre Dame | 26-42 |
| Oct 10 | at UCLA | 27-10 |
| Oct 17 | Arizona | 23-28 |
| Oct 24 | at Oregon St. | 40-10 |
| Oct 31 | at Washington | 7-42 |
| Nov 7 | USC | 24-21 |
| Nov 14 | Washington St. | 49-14 |
| Nov 21 | at California | 38-21 |

*at Anaheim

### STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE

Coach: Lynn Graves
1991 Record: 2-8-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Arkansas-Monticello | 50-9 |
| Sep 12 | at Montana St. | |
| Sep 19 | Jackson St. | 16-31 |
| Sep 26 | Boise St. | 7-38 |
| Oct 10 | at SW Texas St. | 15-31 |
| Oct 17 | North Texas | 14-18 |
| Oct 24 | Nicholls St. | 0-26 |
| Oct 31 | at Sam Houston St. | 13-3 |
| Nov 7 | McNeese St. | 7-7 |
| Nov 14 | at Northeast Louisiana | 20-48 |
| Nov 21 | Northwestern St. | 0-52 |

### SYRACUSE

Coach: Paul Pasqualoni
1991 Record: 10-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at East Carolina | 20-23 |
| Sep 12 | Texas | |
| Sep 19 | Ohio St. | 24-17 |
| Sep 26 | OPEN | |
| Oct 3 | at Louisville | |
| Oct 10 | Rutgers | 21-7 |
| Oct 17 | at West Virginia | 16-10 |
| Oct 24 | at Temple | 27-6 |
| Oct 31 | Pittsburgh | 31-27 |
| Nov 7 | Virginia Tech | |
| Nov 14 | at Boston College | 38-16 |
| Nov 21 | Miami | |

### TEMPLE

Coach: Jerry Berndt
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Boston Univ. | |
| Sep 12 | at Penn St. | 7-24 |
| Sep 19 | Virginia Tech | |
| Sep 26 | at Kansas St. | |
| Oct 3 | at Washington St. | |
| Oct 10 | OPEN | |
| Oct 17 | Pittsburgh | 7-26 |
| Oct 24 | Syracuse | 6-27 |
| Oct 31 | at Boston College | 13-33 |
| Nov 7 | at Akron | 32-37 |
| Nov 14 | at Miami | |
| Nov 21 | Rutgers | 0-41 |

### TENNESSEE

Coach: Johnny Majors
1991 Record: 9-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | SW Louisiana | |
| Sep 12 | at Georgia | |
| Sep 19 | Florida | 18-35 |
| Sep 26 | Cincinnati | |
| Oct 3 | at LSU | |
| Oct 10 | Arkansas | |
| Oct 17 | Alabama | 19-24 |
| Oct 31 | at South Carolina | |
| Nov 14 | at Memphis St. | 52-24 |
| Nov 21 | Kentucky | 16-7 |
| Nov 28 | at Vanderbilt | 45-0 |

### TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

Coach: Buddy Nix
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Boise St. | |
| Sep 12 | UT-Martin | 21-14 |
| Sep 26 | Cent. Arkansas | |
| Oct 3 | at Clemson | |
| Oct 10 | at The Citadel | |
| Oct 17 | West Carolina | 24-27 |
| Oct 24 | at Marshall | 38-31 |
| Oct 31 | Appalachian St. | 7-42 |
| Nov 7 | E. Tennessee St. | 43-26 |
| Nov 14 | Furman | 21-24 |
| Nov 21 | at VMI | 50-14 |

### TENNESSEE TECH

Coach: Jim Ragland
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Lock Haven | |
| Sep 19 | Samford | 16-20 |
| Sep 26 | at Eastern Kentucky | 13-19 |
| Oct 3 | UT-Martin | 16-24 |
| Oct 10 | SE Missouri St. | 31-34 |
| Oct 17 | at Austin Peay | 32-7 |
| Oct 24 | Morehead St. | 20-21 |
| Oct 31 | at Murray St. | 45-7 |
| Nov 7 | Tennessee St. | 10-14 |
| Nov 14 | at Marshall | |
| Nov 21 | at Middle Tennessee St. | 10-28 |

### TEXAS

Coach: John Mackovic
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Mississippi St. | 6-13 |
| Sep 12 | at Syracuse | |
| Sep 26 | North Texas | |
| Oct 3 | at Rice | 28-7 |
| Oct 10 | Oklahoma at Dallas | 10-7 |
| Oct 24 | Houston | 14-23 |
| Oct 31 | at Texas Tech | 23-15 |
| Nov 7 | at TCU | 32-0 |
| Nov 14 | SMU | 34-0 |
| Nov 21 | at Baylor | 11-21 |
| Nov 26 | Texas A&M | 14-31 |

### TEXAS A&M

Coach: R.C. Slocum
1991 Record: 10-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aug 26 | Stanford at Anaheim | |
| Sep 5 | at LSU | 45-7 |
| Sep 12 | Tulsa | 34-35 |
| Sep 19 | at Missouri | |
| Oct 3 | Texas Tech | 37-14 |
| Oct 17 | Baylor | 34-12 |
| Oct 24 | Rice | 38-21 |
| Oct 31 | at SMU | 65-6 |
| Nov 7 | Louisville | |
| Nov 12 | at Houston | 27-18 |
| Nov 21 | TCU | 44-7 |
| Nov 26 | at Texas | 31-14 |

### TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Coach: Pat Sullivan
1991 Record: 7-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at New Mexico | 60-7 |
| Sep 12 | Western Michigan | |
| Sep 26 | at SMU | 18-10 |
| Oct 3 | Oklahoma St. | 24-21 |
| Oct 10 | Rice | 39-28 |
| Oct 17 | at Miami | |
| Oct 24 | Baylor | 9-26 |
| Oct 31 | at Houston | 49-45 |
| Nov 7 | Texas Tech | 30-16 |
| Nov 14 | Texas | 0-32 |
| Nov 21 | at Texas A&M | 7-44 |

### TEXAS-EL PASO

Coach: David Lee
1991 Record: 4-7-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Brigham Young | 29-31 |
| Sep 12 | at UNLV | |
| Sep 19 | New Mexico St. | 22-21 |
| Oct 3 | Air Force | 13-20 |
| Oct 10 | at Colorado St. | 18-23 |
| Oct 17 | at San Diego St. | 21-28 |
| Oct 24 | at Utah | 9-10 |
| Oct 31 | Hawaii | 41-24 |
| Nov 7 | at Tulsa | |
| Nov 14 | at New Mexico | 35-19 |
| Nov 28 | Fresno St. | |

### TEXAS TECH

Coach: Spike Dykes
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 3 | Oklahoma | |
| Sep 12 | Wyoming | 17-22 |
| Sep 19 | at Oregon | 13-28 |
| Sep 26 | Baylor | 31-24 |
| Oct 3 | at Texas A&M | 14-37 |
| Oct 10 | at N.C. State | |
| Oct 17 | at Rice | 40-20 |
| Oct 31 | Texas | 15-23 |
| Nov 7 | at TCU | 16-30 |
| Nov 14 | SMU | 38-14 |
| Nov 21 | Houston | 52-46 |

### TOLEDO

Coach: Gary Pinkel
1991 Record: 5-5-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Arkansas St. | |
| Sep 19 | at Purdue | |
| Sep 26 | at Central Michigan | 16-16 |
| Oct 3 | at Ohio Univ. | 17-13 |
| Oct 10 | Western Michigan | 23-13 |
| Oct 17 | Bowling Green | 21-24 |
| Oct 24 | at Miami (Ohio) | 24-7 |
| Oct 31 | Kent | 13-14 |
| Nov 7 | at Ball St. | 3-9 |
| Nov 14 | Eastern Michigan | 21-14 |
| Nov 21 | at Northern Illinois | 42-21 |

### TOWSON STATE

Coach: Phil Albert
1991 Record: 1-10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Rhode Island | 24-45 |
| Sep 19 | Bucknell | |
| Sep 26 | Hofstra | 26-30 |
| Oct 3 | Liberty | 28-38 |
| Oct 10 | at Delaware St. | 7-13 |
| Oct 17 | at William & Mary | |
| Oct 24 | James Madison | 31-55 |
| Oct 31 | at Indiana (Pa.) | 10-54 |
| Nov 14 | Northeastern | 13-50 |
| Nov 21 | at Delaware | |

### TRENTON STATE

Coach: Eric Hamilton
1991 Record: 5-3-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Wesley | |
| Sep 11 | Central Connecticut | |
| Sep 18 | William Paterson | 27-27 |
| Oct 3 | Glassboro St. | 0-21 |
| Oct 9 | at Fairleigh Dickinson-Madison | 34-7 |
| Oct 16 | at So. Connecticut | 26-31 |
| Oct 24 | Jersey City St. | 29-7 |
| Oct 31 | at Montclair St. | 0-27 |
| Nov 6 | Kean College | 16-14 |
| Nov 14 | at Ramapo | 32-25 |

### TULANE

Coach: Buddy Teevens
1991 Record: 1-10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at SMU | 17-31 |
| Sep 12 | at Mississippi | 3-22 |
| Sep 19 | at Iowa St. | |
| Sep 26 | Maine | |
| Oct 10 | Alabama | 0-62 |
| Oct 17 | Southern Miss. | 14-47 |
| Oct 24 | Boston College | |
| Oct 31 | Memphis St. | 0-48 |
| Nov 7 | at Navy | 34-7 |
| Nov 14 | at Florida St. | 11-38 |
| Nov 21 | at LSU | 20-39 |

### TULSA

Coach: David Rader
1991 Record: 9-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Houston | |
| Sep 12 | at Texas A&M | 35-34 |
| Sep 19 | Kansas | 17-23 |
| Sep 26 | at Oklahoma St. | 13-7 |
| Oct 3 | at So. Mississippi | 13-10 |
| Oct 10 | SW Missouri St. | 34-13 |
| Oct 17 | at Louisville | 40-0 |
| Oct 24 | Memphis St. | 33-28 |
| Oct 31 | SW Louisiana | 34-20 |
| Nov 7 | Texas-El Paso | |
| Nov 28 | at Hawaii | |

### UCLA

Coach: Terry Donahue
1991 Record: 9-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Fullerton St. | |
| Sep 19 | at Brigham Young | 27-23 |
| Sep 26 | San Diego St. | 37-12 |
| Oct 3 | at Arizona | 54-14 |
| Oct 10 | Stanford | 10-27 |
| Oct 17 | at Washington St. | 44-3 |
| Oct 24 | Arizona St. | 21-16 |
| Oct 31 | at California | 24-27 |
| Nov 7 | Oregon St. | 44-7 |
| Nov 14 | at Oregon | 16-7 |
| Nov 21 | USC | 24-21 |

### UNION COLLEGE
Coach: John Audino
1991 Record: 9-0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | St. Lawrence | |
| Sep 19 | at Worcester Poly | 49-27 |
| Sep 26 | Hobart | 44-17 |
| Oct 3 | at Dickinson | |
| Oct 10 | at Albany | 47-7 |
| Oct 17 | Rensselaer Poly | 35-10 |
| Oct 24 | Coast Guard | 37-7 |
| Oct 31 | Gettysburg | 57-7 |
| Nov 7 | at Rochester | 27-0 |

### USC
Coach: Larry Smith
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at San Diego St. | |
| Sep 19 | at Oklahoma | |
| Oct 3 | at Washington | 3-14 |
| Oct 10 | Oregon | 30-14 |
| Oct 17 | California | 30-52 |
| Oct 24 | Washington St. | 34-27 |
| Oct 31 | at Arizona St. | 25-32 |
| Nov 7 | at Stanford | 21-24 |
| Nov 14 | Arizona | 14-31 |
| Nov 21 | at UCLA | 21-24 |
| Nov 28 | Notre Dame | 20-24 |

### UTAH
Coach: Ron McBride
1991 Record: 7-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Nebraska | |
| Sep 12 | at Utah St. | 12-7 |
| Sep 26 | Oregon St. | 22-10 |
| Oct 3 | at Colorado St. | 21-16 |
| Oct 10 | Hawaii | 26-52 |
| Oct 17 | at New Mexico | 30-7 |
| Oct 24 | Texas El-Paso | 10-9 |
| Oct 31 | at Air Force | 21-24 |
| Nov 7 | Wyoming | 57-42 |
| Nov 14 | at San Diego St. | 21-24 |
| Nov 28 | Brigham Young | 17-48 |

### UTAH STATE
Coach: Charlie Weatherbie
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Arizona | |
| Sep 12 | Utah | 7-12 |
| Sep 19 | at Baylor | |
| Sep 26 | New Mexico St. | 46-21 |
| Oct 2 | at Brigham Young | 10-38 |
| Oct 17 | Kansas St. | |
| Oct 24 | San Jose St. | 7-23 |
| Oct 31 | at Fullerton St. | 26-3 |
| Nov 7 | UNLV | 27-14 |
| Nov 14 | at Nevada | |
| Nov 21 | at Pacific | 21-14 |

### VANDERBILT
Coach: Gerry DiNardo
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Alabama | 17-48 |
| Sep 12 | Duke | 13-17 |
| Sep 19 | Mississippi | 30-27 |
| Oct 3 | at Auburn | 22-24 |
| Oct 10 | Wake Forest | |
| Oct 17 | at Georgia | 27-25 |
| Oct 24 | South Carolina | |
| Nov 7 | at Kentucky | 17-7 |
| Nov 14 | at Navy | |
| Nov 21 | Florida | |
| Nov 28 | Tennessee | 0-45 |

### VILLANOVA
Coach: Andy Talley
1991 Record: 10-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | West Chester | |
| Sep 12 | Bucknell | 40-0 |
| Sep 19 | Richmond | 35-3 |
| Oct 3 | at Boston University | 56-6 |
| Oct 10 | at Connecticut | 35-13 |
| Oct 17 | Delaware | 28-38 |
| Oct 24 | at Massachusetts | 24-14 |
| Oct 31 | Rhode Island | 49-14 |
| Nov 7 | at New Hampshire | 33-7 |
| Nov 14 | Fordham | 14-9 |
| Nov 21 | Maine | 48-7 |

### VIRGINIA
Coach: George Welsh
1991 Record: 8-3-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Maryland | 6-17 |
| Sep 12 | at Navy | 17-10 |
| Sep 19 | Georgia Tech | 21-24 |
| Sep 26 | at Duke | 34-3 |
| Oct 3 | at Wake Forest | 48-7 |
| Oct 10 | Clemson | 20-20 |
| Oct 17 | at North Carolina | 14-9 |
| Oct 24 | William & Mary | |
| Oct 31 | Florida St. | |
| Nov 7 | N.C. State | 42-10 |
| Nov 21 | at Virginia Tech | 38-0 |

### VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
Coach: Jim Shuck
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at East Tennessee St. | 35-20 |
| Sep 12 | at William & Mary | 26-40 |
| Sep 19 | Marshall | 0-61 |
| Sep 26 | West Virginia Tech | |
| Oct 3 | at Furman | 28-46 |
| Oct 10 | at West. Carolina | 27-25 |
| Oct 17 | Appalachian St. | 19-24 |
| Oct 24 | Richmond* | 38-27 |
| Nov 7 | Wofford | |
| Nov 14 | at The Citadel | 14-17 |
| Nov 21 | UT-Chattanooga | 14-50 |

*Oyster Bowl-Norfolk, Va.

### VIRGINIA TECH
Coach: Frank Beamer
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | James Madison | 41-12 |
| Sep 12 | at East Carolina | 17-24 |
| Sep 19 | at Temple | |
| Sep 26 | West Virginia | 20-14 |
| Oct 10 | at Louisville | 41-13 |
| Oct 17 | North Carolina St. | 0-7 |
| Oct 24 | Miami | |
| Oct 31 | at Rutgers | |
| Nov 7 | at Syracuse | |
| Nov 14 | So. Mississippi | |
| Nov 21 | Virginia | 0-38 |

### WABASH
Coach: Greg Carlson
1991 Record: 7-2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | Albion | 10-29 |
| Sep 26 | at Hope | |
| Oct 3 | Manchester | 28-7 |
| Oct 10 | Franklin | 44-10 |
| Oct 17 | at Hanover | 26-14 |
| Oct 24 | at Anderson | 23-6 |
| Oct 31 | Rose-Hulman | 0-24 |
| Nov 7 | at Taylor | 34-9 |
| Nov 14 | Depauw | 23-18 |

### WAKE FOREST
Coach: Bill Dooley
1991 Record: 3-8

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | North Carolina | 10-24 |
| Sep 12 | Appalachian St. | 3-17 |
| Sep 26 | at Florida St. | |
| Oct 3 | Virginia | 7-48 |
| Oct 10 | at Vanderbilt | |
| Oct 17 | at Maryland | 22-23 |
| Oct 24 | Army | |
| Oct 31 | Clemson | 10-28 |
| Nov 7 | at Duke | 31-14 |
| Nov 14 | at Georgia Tech | 3-27 |
| Nov 21 | at N.C. State | 3-30 |

### WASHINGTON
Coach: Don James
1991 Record: 12-0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Arizona St. | 44-16 |
| Sep 12 | Wisconsin | |
| Sep 19 | Nebraska | 36-21 |
| Oct 3 | USC | 14-3 |
| Oct 10 | California | 24-17 |
| Oct 17 | at Oregon | 58-6 |
| Oct 24 | Pacific | |
| Oct 31 | Stanford | 42-7 |
| Nov 7 | at Arizona | 56-0 |
| Nov 14 | Oregon St. | 58-6 |
| Nov 21 | at Washington St. | 56-21 |

### WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON
Coach: John Luckhardt
1991 Record: 8-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | Hiram | |
| Sep 19 | at Widener | 7-0 |
| Sep 26 | at Bethany | 27-12 |
| Oct 3 | Waynesburg | 33-19 |
| Oct 10 | at Thiel | 40-0 |
| Oct 17 | Gannon | |
| Oct 24 | Grove City | 38-3 |
| Oct 31 | Cortland St. | |
| Nov 14 | Ithaca | |

### WASHINGTON STATE
Coach: Mike Price
1991 Record: 4-7

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Montana | |
| Sep 12 | at Arizona | 40-27 |
| Sep 26 | at Fresno St. | 30-34 |
| Oct 3 | Temple | |
| Oct 10 | at Oregon St. | 55-7 |
| Oct 17 | UCLA | 3-44 |
| Oct 24 | at USC | 27-34 |
| Oct 31 | Oregon | 14-40 |
| Nov 7 | Arizona St. | 17-3 |
| Nov 14 | at Stanford | 14-49 |
| Nov 21 | Washington | 21-56 |

### WEBER STATE
Coach: Dave Arslanian
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at New Mexico St. | |
| Sep 12 | Southern Utah | 33-14 |
| Sep 19 | at Idaho | 45-17 |
| Sep 26 | Montana St. | 36-25 |
| Oct 3 | at East. Washington | 63-59 |
| Oct 10 | Montana | 38-47 |
| Oct 17 | at Boise St. | 35-32 |
| Oct 31 | at Nevada | 49-55 |
| Nov 7 | at No. Arizona | 43-38 |
| Nov 14 | Idaho St. | 60-41 |
| Nov 21 | McNeese St. | |

### WEST VIRGINIA
Coach: Don Nehlen
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Miami (Ohio) | |
| Sep 12 | at Pittsburgh | 3-34 |
| Sep 19 | Maryland | 37-7 |
| Sep 26 | at Virginia Tech | 14-20 |
| Oct 3 | Boston College | 31-24 |
| Oct 10 | OPEN | |
| Oct 17 | Syracuse | 10-16 |
| Oct 24 | Penn St. | 3-27 |
| Oct 31 | at Miami | |
| Nov 7 | East Carolina | |
| Nov 14 | at Rutgers | 28-3 |
| Nov 21 | Louisiana Tech | |

### WESTERN CAROLINA
Coach: Steve Hodgin
1991 Record: 2-9

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Mars Hill | |
| Sep 12 | at Georgia Tech | |
| Sep 19 | OPEN | |
| Sep 26 | Ferrum | |
| Oct 3 | at Samford | 3-16 |
| Oct 10 | VMI | 25-27 |
| Oct 17 | at UT-Chattanooga | 27-24 |
| Oct 24 | The Citadel | 13-38 |
| Oct 31 | Marshall | 24-27 |
| Nov 7 | at Furman | 14-42 |
| Nov 14 | East Tennessee St. | 29-15 |
| Nov 21 | at Appalachian St. | 14-24 |

### WESTERN ILLINOIS
Coach: Randy Ball
1991 Record: 7-3-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Missouri Western | |
| Sep 12 | at Sam Houston St. | 21-21 |
| Sep 19 | West. Kentucky | |
| Sep 26 | Cent. Florida | |
| Oct 3 | at SW Missouri St. | 26-21 |
| Oct 10 | at So. Illinois | 21-20 |
| Oct 17 | East. Illinois | 16-15 |
| Oct 24 | Indiana St. | 6-7 |
| Oct 31 | Illinois St. | 22-12 |
| Nov 7 | Morgan St. | 44-6 |
| Nov 14 | at No. Iowa | 17-24 |

### WESTERN MICHIGAN
Coach: Al Molde
1991 Record: 6-5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at TCU | |
| Sep 19 | Youngstown | |
| Sep 26 | at Ohio Univ. | 35-9 |
| Oct 3 | Ball St. | 25-16 |
| Oct 10 | at Toledo | 13-23 |
| Oct 17 | Eastern Michigan | 24-42 |
| Oct 24 | at Bowling Green | 10-23 |
| Oct 31 | Northern Illinois | 22-10 |
| Nov 7 | at Miami (Ohio) | 24-23 |
| Nov 14 | Central Michigan | 17-27 |
| Nov 21 | at Kent St. | 13-10 |

### WILLIAM & MARY
Coach: Jimmye Laycock
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | VMI | 40-26 |
| Sep 19 | Boston Univ. | 48-22 |
| Sep 26 | at Harvard | |
| Oct 3 | Brown | |
| Oct 10 | at Penn | |
| Oct 17 | Towson St. | |
| Oct 24 | at Virginia | |
| Oct 31 | at James Madison | 28-29 |
| Nov 7 | at Colgate | |
| Nov 14 | Lehigh | 37-41 |
| Nov 21 | at Richmond | 49-7 |

### WISCONSIN
Coach: Barry Alvarez
1991 Record: 5-6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 12 | at Washington | |
| Sep 19 | Bowling Green | |
| Sep 26 | No. Illinois | |
| Oct 3 | Ohio St. | 16-31 |
| Oct 10 | at Iowa | 6-10 |
| Oct 17 | Purdue | 7-28 |
| Oct 24 | at Indiana | 20-28 |
| Oct 31 | Illinois | 6-22 |
| Nov 7 | at Michigan St. | 7-20 |
| Nov 14 | Minnesota | 19-16 |
| Nov 21 | at Northwestern | 32-14 |

### WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER
Coach: Bob Berezowitz
1991 Record: 6-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 10 | Upper Iowa | |
| Sep 19 | at UW-Platteville | 21-6 |
| Sep 26 | UW-Superior | 14-16 |
| Oct 3 | UW-Stevens Point | 10-16 |
| Oct 10 | at UW-Stout | 21-18 |
| Oct 17 | at St. Ambrose | 27-29 |
| Oct 24 | UW-River Falls | 24-7 |
| Oct 31 | at UW-Eau Claire | 26-6 |
| Nov 7 | UW-LaCrosse | 25-14 |
| Nov 14 | at UW-Oshkosh | 28-7 |

### WOFFORD
Coach: Mike Ayers
1991 Record: 9-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | at Elon | |
| Sep 12 | at The Citadel | |
| Sep 19 | Lenoir-Rhyne | |
| Sep 26 | at Catawba | |
| Oct 3 | Presbyterian | |
| Oct 10 | Lees-McRae | |
| Oct 17 | at Newberry | |
| Oct 24 | Wingate | |
| Oct 31 | Winston-Salem | |
| Nov 7 | VMI | |
| Nov 14 | OPEN | |

### WYOMING
Coach: Joe Tiller
1991 Record: 4-6-1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Nevada | |
| Sep 12 | at Texas Tech | 22-17 |
| Sep 19 | Air Force | 28-51 |
| Sep 26 | at Louisville | |
| Oct 3 | San Jose St. | |
| Oct 10 | New Mexico | 39-19 |
| Oct 17 | Brigham Young | 31-56 |
| Oct 24 | at Colorado St. | 35-28 |
| Oct 31 | at Fresno St. | |
| Nov 7 | San Diego St. | 22-24 |
| Nov 14 | at Utah | 42-57 |
| Nov 21 | at Hawaii | 17-32 |

### YALE
Coach: Carmen Cozza
1991 Record: 6-4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 19 | at Brown | 36-20 |
| Sep 26 | Holy Cross | |
| Oct 3 | at Connecticut | 20-34 |
| Oct 10 | Fordham | |
| Oct 17 | at Dartmouth | 24-28 |
| Oct 24 | Columbia | 36-9 |
| Oct 31 | at Pennsylvania | 31-12 |
| Nov 7 | Cornell | 6-31 |
| Nov 14 | Princeton | 16-22 |
| Nov 21 | at Harvard | 23-13 |

### YOUNGSTOWN STATE
Coach: James Tressel
1991 Record: 8-3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 5 | Clarion | |
| Sep 12 | Delaware St. | 29-33 |
| Sep 26 | James Madison | 28-21 |
| Oct 3 | at Indiana St. | |
| Oct 10 | Illinois St. | |
| Oct 17 | at Northeastern | 59-7 |
| Oct 24 | at Liberty | 8-10 |
| Oct 31 | East. Illinois | |
| Nov 7 | at Ohio Univ. | |
| Nov 14 | at Akron | 24-38 |
| Nov 21 | Georgia Southern | 19-17 |

# 1991 Division I-A Statistical Leaders

## Team

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| School | Atts. | Yards | Avg. | TDs* | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fresno St. | 922 | 5,961 | 6.5 | 62 | 541.9 |
| Pacific (Cal.) | 871 | 6,135 | 7.0 | 61 | 511.3 |
| Nebraska | 800 | 5,571 | 7.0 | 60 | 506.5 |
| San Jose St. | 813 | 5,279 | 6.5 | 47 | 479.9 |
| Brigham Young | 837 | 5,754 | 6.9 | 54 | 479.5 |
| San Diego St. | 955 | 5,739 | 6.0 | 52 | 478.3 |
| Washington | 861 | 5,191 | 6.0 | 60 | 471.9 |
| Tennessee | 878 | 5,145 | 5.9 | 36 | 467.7 |
| Florida | 787 | 5,028 | 6.4 | 45 | 457.1 |
| UCLA | 831 | 5,019 | 6.0 | 39 | 456.3 |
| Notre Dame | 831 | 5,466 | 6.6 | 55 | 455.5 |
| Florida St. | 897 | 5,401 | 6.0 | 53 | 450.1 |
| Houston | 877 | 4,909 | 5.6 | 44 | 446.3 |
| California | 845 | 4,907 | 5.8 | 47 | 446.1 |
| Miami | 768 | 4,854 | 6.3 | 41 | 441.3 |
| Michigan | 769 | 4,831 | 6.3 | 50 | 439.2 |
| East Carolina | 794 | 4,808 | 6.1 | 43 | 437.1 |
| Texas A&M | 847 | 4,804 | 5.7 | 47 | 436.7 |
| Wyoming | 842 | 4,737 | 5.6 | 38 | 430.6 |
| Indiana | 835 | 4,709 | 5.6 | 35 | 428.1 |

*Touchdowns scored by rushing and passing only

### PASSING OFFENSE

| School | Comp. | Atts. | Yards | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 330 | 591 | 4,101 | 33 | 372.8 |
| Brigham Young | 257 | 420 | 4,125 | 35 | 343.8 |
| Pacific (Cal.) | 300 | 500 | 4,114 | 42 | 342.8 |
| Florida | 235 | 390 | 3,393 | 32 | 308.5 |
| East Carolina | 229 | 414 | 3,379 | 30 | 307.2 |
| San Jose St. | 211 | 374 | 3,338 | 21 | 303.5 |
| New Mexico | 246 | 518 | 3,584 | 20 | 298.7 |
| Wyoming | 227 | 400 | 3,264 | 24 | 296.7 |
| Miami | 223 | 396 | 3,244 | 20 | 294.9 |
| Washington St. | 218 | 395 | 3,028 | 19 | 275.3 |
| San Diego St. | 228 | 434 | 3,263 | 22 | 271.9 |
| Duke | 236 | 450 | 2,887 | 20 | 262.5 |
| Illinois | 240 | 392 | 2,877 | 16 | 261.5 |
| Florida St. | 234 | 390 | 3,114 | 28 | 259.5 |
| Texas Christian | 239 | 445 | 2,840 | 17 | 258.2 |
| Tennessee | 231 | 366 | 2,813 | 16 | 255.7 |
| Pittsburgh | 229 | 401 | 2,809 | 15 | 255.4 |
| UCLA | 203 | 332 | 2,710 | 17 | 246.4 |
| South Carolina | 217 | 367 | 2,703 | 15 | 245.7 |
| Missouri | 218 | 406 | 2,661 | 18 | 241.9 |

### RUSHING OFFENSE

| School | Carries | Yards | Avg. | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nebraska | 595 | 3,885 | 6.5 | 45 | 353.2 |
| Air Force | 760 | 4,057 | 5.3 | 34 | 338.1 |
| Fresno St. | 613 | 3,303 | 5.4 | 42 | 300.3 |
| Army | 701 | 3,222 | 4.6 | 23 | 292.9 |
| Hawaii | 626 | 3,416 | 5.5 | 32 | 284.7 |
| Notre Dame | 584 | 3,229 | 5.5 | 37 | 269.1 |
| Texas A&M | 633 | 2,850 | 4.5 | 34 | 259.1 |
| Clemson | 614 | 2,813 | 4.6 | 28 | 255.7 |
| Alabama | 557 | 2,772 | 5.0 | 24 | 252.0 |
| Oklahoma | 606 | 2,752 | 4.5 | 33 | 250.2 |
| Michigan | 510 | 2,709 | 5.3 | 26 | 246.3 |
| Kansas | 614 | 2,698 | 4.4 | 30 | 245.3 |
| Louisiana Tech | 521 | 2,671 | 5.1 | 23 | 242.8 |
| Baylor | 595 | 2,604 | 4.4 | 29 | 236.7 |
| Vanderbilt | 611 | 2,597 | 4.3 | 19 | 236.1 |
| Mississippi St. | 529 | 2,589 | 4.9 | 24 | 235.4 |
| Washington | 524 | 2,551 | 4.9 | 34 | 231.9 |
| Ohio St. | 584 | 2,522 | 4.3 | 27 | 229.3 |
| Colorado | 554 | 2,499 | 4.5 | 23 | 227.2 |
| Akron | 515 | 2,373 | 4.6 | 20 | 215.7 |
| California | 519 | 2,361 | 4.5 | 26 | 214.6 |

### SCORING OFFENSE

| School | Games | Pts. | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fresno St. | 11 | 486 | 44.2 |
| Washington | 11 | 461 | 41.9 |
| Nebraska | 11 | 454 | 41.3 |
| California | 11 | 406 | 36.9 |
| Michigan | 11 | 406 | 36.9 |
| Florida St. | 12 | 439 | 36.6 |
| Texas A&M | 11 | 402 | 36.5 |
| Pacific (Cal.) | 12 | 435 | 36.3 |
| Penn St. | 12 | 432 | 36.0 |
| Notre Dame | 12 | 426 | 35.5 |
| Brigham Young | 12 | 420 | 35.0 |
| East Carolina | 11 | 372 | 33.8 |
| San Jose St. | 11 | 372 | 33.8 |
| San Diego St. | 12 | 403 | 33.6 |
| Miami | 11 | 364 | 33.1 |
| Florida | 11 | 361 | 32.8 |
| Houston | 11 | 353 | 32.1 |
| Stanford | 11 | 351 | 31.9 |
| Oklahoma | 11 | 335 | 30.5 |
| Tennessee | 11 | 335 | 30.5 |

### TOTAL DEFENSE

| School | Plays | Yards | Avg. | TDs* | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas A&M | 683 | 2,446 | 3.6 | 19 | 222.4 |
| Washington | 730 | 2,608 | 3.6 | 12 | 237.1 |
| Texas | 769 | 2,848 | 3.7 | 15 | 258.9 |
| Clemson | 718 | 2,895 | 4.0 | 17 | 263.2 |
| Miami (Ohio) | 747 | 2,980 | 4.0 | 15 | 270.9 |
| Iowa | 712 | 2,987 | 4.2 | 20 | 271.5 |
| Central Michigan | 741 | 3,001 | 4.0 | 16 | 272.8 |
| Georgia Tech | 831 | 3,333 | 4.0 | 22 | 277.8 |
| Penn St. | 805 | 3,366 | 4.2 | 22 | 280.5 |
| Florida St. | 776 | 3,375 | 4.3 | 22 | 281.3 |
| Ball St. | 752 | 3,118 | 4.1 | 14 | 283.5 |
| Oklahoma | 731 | 3,144 | 4.3 | 15 | 285.8 |
| Tennessee | 679 | 3,154 | 4.6 | 24 | 286.7 |
| Miami | 790 | 3,176 | 4.0 | 9 | 288.7 |
| Tulsa | 715 | 3,231 | 4.5 | 26 | 293.7 |
| Alabama | 714 | 3,303 | 4.6 | 13 | 300.3 |
| N.C. State | 710 | 3,346 | 4.7 | 22 | 304.2 |
| Indiana | 672 | 3,349 | 5.0 | 26 | 304.5 |
| Fresno St. | 685 | 3,379 | 4.9 | 25 | 307.2 |
| Florida | 742 | 3,383 | 4.6 | 16 | 307.5 |

*Touchdowns scored by rushing and passing only

### PASSING DEFENSE

| School | Comp. | Atts. | Yards | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 115 | 304 | 1,513 | 7 | 137.5 |
| Texas A&M | 129 | 290 | 1,500 | 6 | 136.4 |
| Washington | 156 | 340 | 1,870 | 6 | 170.0 |
| Miami | 175 | 346 | 1,724 | 7 | 156.7 |
| Penn St. | 172 | 397 | 2,246 | 13 | 187.2 |
| Virginia | 137 | 267 | 1,512 | 1 | 137.5 |
| Arizona St. | 143 | 290 | 1,676 | 9 | 152.4 |
| Tulsa | 129 | 275 | 1,586 | 10 | 144.2 |
| Georgia Tech | 178 | 369 | 1,989 | 12 | 165.8 |
| Oklahoma | 161 | 328 | 2,004 | 10 | 182.2 |
| Fresno St. | 109 | 269 | 1,697 | 10 | 154.3 |
| Alabama | 136 | 289 | 1,851 | 9 | 168.3 |
| Miami (Ohio) | 143 | 300 | 1,771 | 13 | 161.0 |
| Wisconsin | 132 | 258 | 1,470 | 10 | 133.6 |
| Eastern Michigan | 147 | 290 | 1,785 | 9 | 162.3 |
| Ball St. | 122 | 252 | 1,607 | 6 | 146.1 |
| Florida St. | 192 | 378 | 2,381 | 13 | 198.4 |
| Central Mich. | 160 | 302 | 1,799 | 8 | 163.5 |
| Colorado | 141 | 286 | 1,886 | 6 | 171.5 |
| N.C. State | 175 | 329 | 1,997 | 10 | 181.5 |
| Bowling Green | 171 | 321 | 2,035 | 7 | 185.0 |
| Mississippi St. | 163 | 329 | 2,091 | 10 | 190.1 |
| Baylor | 174 | 337 | 2,331 | 8 | 211.9 |

### RUSHING DEFENSE

| School | Carries | Yards | Avg. | TDs* | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clemson | 360 | 587 | 1.6 | 5 | 53.4 |
| Washington | 390 | 738 | 1.9 | 6 | 67.1 |
| Florida St. | 398 | 994 | 2.5 | 9 | 82.8 |
| Texas A&M | 393 | 946 | 2.4 | 13 | 86.0 |
| Penn St. | 408 | 1,120 | 2.7 | 9 | 93.3 |
| Florida | 399 | 1,103 | 2.8 | 7 | 100.3 |
| Louisiana Tech | 386 | 1,105 | 2.9 | 8 | 100.5 |
| UCLA | 403 | 1,110 | 2.8 | 13 | 100.9 |
| Oklahoma | 403 | 1,140 | 2.8 | 5 | 103.6 |
| Michigan | 397 | 1,142 | 2.9 | 7 | 103.8 |
| Syracuse | 400 | 1,186 | 3.0 | 9 | 107.8 |
| Central Michigan | 439 | 1,202 | 2.7 | 8 | 109.3 |
| Miami (Ohio) | 447 | 1,209 | 2.7 | 2 | 109.9 |
| Georgia Tech | 462 | 1,344 | 2.9 | 10 | 112.0 |
| Baylor | 423 | 1,236 | 2.9 | 13 | 112.4 |
| Ohio St. | 390 | 1,250 | 3.2 | 8 | 113.6 |
| Texas | 465 | 1,335 | 2.9 | 8 | 121.4 |
| N.C. State | 381 | 1,349 | 3.5 | 12 | 122.6 |
| No. Carolina | 437 | 1,352 | 3.1 | 7 | 122.9 |
| Iowa | 450 | 1,384 | 3.1 | 9 | 125.8 |

### SCORING DEFENSE

| School | Games | Pts. | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 11 | 100 | 9.1 |
| Washington | 11 | 101 | 9.2 |
| Alabama | 11 | 118 | 10.7 |
| Virginia | 11 | 119 | 10.8 |
| Miami (Ohio) | 11 | 140 | 12.7 |
| Oklahoma | 11 | 143 | 13.0 |
| Texas A&M | 11 | 144 | 13.1 |
| Texas | 11 | 145 | 13.2 |
| Bowling Green | 11 | 147 | 13.4 |
| Clemson | 11 | 148 | 13.5 |
| Colorado | 11 | 150 | 13.6 |
| Ball St. | 11 | 150 | 13.6 |
| Florida | 11 | 152 | 13.8 |
| Penn St. | 12 | 167 | 13.9 |
| Mississippi St. | 11 | 156 | 14.2 |
| Central Michigan | 11 | 157 | 14.3 |
| Ohio St. | 11 | 163 | 14.8 |
| Iowa | 11 | 166 | 15.1 |
| Michigan | 11 | 169 | 15.4 |

### PUNT RETURNS

| School | Games | No. | Yards | TDs | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 11 | 28 | 474 | 3 | 16.9 |
| Michigan | 11 | 20 | 316 | 2 | 15.8 |
| Iowa St. | 11 | 20 | 299 | 0 | 14.9 |
| Miami | 11 | 43 | 622 | 3 | 14.5 |
| Texas A&M | 11 | 32 | 430 | 2 | 13.4 |
| Virginia Tech | 11 | 33 | 437 | 1 | 13.2 |
| Rutgers | 11 | 35 | 462 | 0 | 13.2 |
| North Carolina | 11 | 33 | 426 | 2 | 12.9 |
| Notre Dame | 12 | 20 | 258 | 1 | 12.9 |
| Stanford | 11 | 28 | 355 | 1 | 12.7 |
| Auburn | 11 | 44 | 548 | 1 | 12.5 |
| Mississippi | 11 | 28 | 341 | 1 | 12.2 |
| Clemson | 11 | 45 | 545 | 1 | 12.1 |
| Wisconsin | 11 | 35 | 414 | 2 | 11.8 |
| Nevada-Las Vegas | 11 | 19 | 221 | 0 | 11.6 |
| Texas Tech | 11 | 20 | 232 | 1 | 11.6 |
| Wake Forest | 11 | 30 | 344 | 1 | 11.5 |
| Colorado | 11 | 35 | 399 | 0 | 11.4 |
| Arizona | 11 | 27 | 302 | 2 | 11.2 |
| Kansas | 11 | 24 | 268 | 0 | 11.2 |
| Wyoming | 11 | 32 | 351 | 2 | 11.0 |

### NET PUNTING

| School | Punts | Avg. | No. Ret. | Yards Ret. | Net Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas Tech | 55 | 46.0 | 28 | 295 | 40.6 |
| Utah St. | 57 | 42.7 | 24 | 207 | 39.1 |
| Air Force | 51 | 44.8 | 30 | 295 | 39.0 |
| Purdue | 59 | 43.2 | 32 | 257 | 38.8 |
| Houston | 53 | 42.6 | 27 | 200 | 38.8 |
| Colorado | 59 | 40.1 | 16 | 88 | 38.6 |
| Kansas | 56 | 41.6 | 23 | 185 | 38.3 |
| New Mexico St. | 55 | 42.3 | 30 | 225 | 38.2 |
| Oklahoma | 54 | 39.9 | 19 | 99 | 38.0 |
| Syracuse | 46 | 42.0 | 19 | 198 | 37.7 |
| Southern Cal | 67 | 40.3 | 31 | 179 | 37.6 |
| Memphis St. | 59 | 40.6 | 25 | 182 | 37.6 |
| Florida | 47 | 42.4 | 26 | 230 | 37.5 |
| Notre Dame | 41 | 39.3 | 18 | 93 | 37.0 |
| Temple | 55 | 40.6 | 27 | 196 | 37.0 |
| Brigham Young | 53 | 38.9 | 23 | 102 | 36.9 |
| Kentucky | 54 | 41.8 | 25 | 263 | 36.9 |
| Colorado St. | 44 | 39.0 | 18 | 95 | 36.8 |
| Iowa St. | 61 | 38.1 | 21 | 84 | 36.7 |
| California | 47 | 37.8 | 18 | 54 | 36.7 |

### TURNOVER MARGIN

| School | Turnovers Gained: Fumbles | Turnovers Gained: Ints. | Turnovers Gained: Total | Turnovers Lost: Fumbles | Turnovers Lost: Ints. | Turnovers Lost: Totals | Margin/ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Penn St. | 16 | 26 | 42 | 13 | 7 | 20 | 1.83 |
| Washington | 18 | 21 | 39 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 1.73 |
| Florida St. | 12 | 25 | 37 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 1.67 |
| North Carolina St. | 17 | 18 | 35 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 1.64 |
| East Carolina | 16 | 18 | 34 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 1.64 |
| Miami (Ohio) | 11 | 21 | 32 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 1.45 |
| Baylor | 20 | 22 | 42 | 18 | 9 | 27 | 1.36 |
| Oklahoma | 8 | 25 | 33 | 11 | 7 | 18 | 1.36 |
| Bowling Green | 16 | 16 | 32 | 8 | 10 | 18 | 1.27 |
| Nebraska | 15 | 16 | 31 | 9 | 8 | 17 | 1.27 |
| California | 13 | 22 | 35 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 1.27 |
| Alabama | 15 | 20 | 35 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 1.27 |
| Air Force | 14 | 15 | 29 | 12 | 3 | 15 | 1.17 |
| Utah St. | 17 | 19 | 36 | 9 | 15 | 24 | 1.09 |
| Texas Tech | 14 | 14 | 28 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 1.09 |
| Georgia | 14 | 11 | 25 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 1.00 |
| Tulsa | 14 | 18 | 32 | 11 | 11 | 22 | .91 |
| Michigan | 14 | 14 | 28 | 12 | 6 | 18 | .91 |
| South Carolina | 11 | 14 | 25 | 8 | 8 | 16 | .82 |
| Fresno St. | 11 | 13 | 24 | 7 | 8 | 15 | .82 |
| Kansas | 16 | 10 | 26 | 10 | 7 | 17 | .82 |
| Wisconsin | 15 | 15 | 30 | 9 | 13 | 22 | .73 |
| Texas A&M | 17 | 14 | 31 | 11 | 12 | 23 | .73 |

# 1991 Division I-A Statistical Leaders

## Individual

### PASSING EFFICIENCY
(Minimum 15 attempts per game)

| Name, School | Comp. | Atts. | Yards | TDs | Ints. | Rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Elvis Grbac, Michigan | 152 | 228 | 1,955 | 24 | 5 | 169.0 |
| Ty Detmer, Brigham Young | 249 | 403 | 4,031 | 35 | 12 | 168.5 |
| Jeff Garcia, San Jose St. | 99 | 160 | 1,519 | 12 | 5 | 160.1 |
| Matt Blundin, Virginia | 135 | 224 | 1,902 | 19 | 0 | 159.6 |
| Troy Kopp, Pacific (Cal.) | 275 | 449 | 3,767 | 37 | 16 | 151.8 |
| Steve Stenstrom, Stanford | 119 | 197 | 1,683 | 15 | 7 | 150.2 |
| Tony Sacca, Penn St. | 169 | 292 | 2,488 | 21 | 5 | 149.8 |
| Rick Mirer, Notre Dame | 132 | 234 | 2,116 | 18 | 10 | 149.2 |
| Shane Matthews, Florida | 218 | 361 | 3,130 | 28 | 18 | 148.8 |
| Keithen McCant, Nebraska | 97 | 168 | 1,454 | 13 | 8 | 146.5 |
| Casey Weldon, Florida St. | 189 | 313 | 2,527 | 22 | 8 | 146.3 |
| Billy Joe Hobert, Washington | 173 | 285 | 2,271 | 22 | 10 | 146.1 |
| Jeff Blake, East Carolina | 203 | 368 | 3,073 | 28 | 8 | 146.1 |
| Matt Rodgers, Iowa | 166 | 255 | 2,054 | 14 | 10 | 143.0 |
| Mike Pawlawski, California | 191 | 316 | 2,517 | 21 | 13 | 141.1 |
| Kevin Verdugo, Colorado St. | 159 | 265 | 2,138 | 17 | 11 | 140.6 |
| T.J. Rubley, Tulsa | 148 | 260 | 2,054 | 18 | 9 | 139.2 |
| Gino Torretta, Miami | 205 | 371 | 3,095 | 20 | 8 | 138.8 |
| David Lowery, San Diego St. | 176 | 311 | 2,575 | 19 | 12 | 138.6 |
| Marvin Graves, Syracuse | 131 | 221 | 1,912 | 10 | 11 | 136.9 |
| Len Williams, Northwestern | 131 | 212 | 1,630 | 10 | 6 | 136.3 |

### RUSHING

| Name, School | Atts. | Yards | Avg. | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marshall Faulk, San Diego St. | 201 | 1,429 | 7.1 | 21 | 158.78 |
| Vaughan Dunbar, Indiana | 336 | 1,699 | 5.1 | 11 | 154.45 |
| Trevor Cobb, Rice | 360 | 1,692 | 4.7 | 14 | 153.82 |
| Jason Davis, Louisiana Tech | 244 | 1,351 | 5.5 | 14 | 135.10 |
| Chris Hughley, Tulsa | 267 | 1,326 | 5.0 | 8 | 132.60 |
| Ryan Benjamin, Pacific (Cal.) | 226 | 1,581 | 7.0 | 13 | 131.75 |
| Tony Sands, Kansas | 273 | 1,442 | 5.3 | 9 | 131.09 |
| Billy Smith, Cent. Mich. | 374 | 1,440 | 3.9 | 6 | 130.91 |
| Derek Brown, Nebraska | 230 | 1,313 | 5.7 | 14 | 119.36 |
| Mike Gaddis, Oklahoma | 221 | 1,240 | 5.6 | 14 | 112.73 |
| Tony Smith, So. Mississippi | 194 | 998 | 5.1 | 8 | 110.89 |
| Greg Hill, Texas A&M | 240 | 1,216 | 5.1 | 12 | 110.55 |
| Tico Duckett, Michigan St. | 272 | 1,204 | 4.4 | 5 | 109.45 |
| Kevin Williams, UCLA | 168 | 1,089 | 6.5 | 8 | 108.90 |
| Ricky Powers, Michigan | 230 | 1,187 | 5.2 | 9 | 107.91 |
| Russell White, California | 241 | 1,177 | 4.9 | 14 | 107.00 |
| Natrone Means, No. Carolina | 201 | 1,030 | 5.1 | 11 | 103.00 |
| Brian Copeland, Colorado St. | 190 | 1,028 | 5.4 | 5 | 102.80 |
| Errict Rhett, Florida | 224 | 1,109 | 5.0 | 10 | 100.82 |
| Reggie Yarbrough, Full. St. | 195 | 905 | 4.6 | 3 | 100.56 |
| Corey Harris, Vanderbilt | 229 | 1,103 | 4.8 | 4 | 100.27 |
| Eric Gallon, Kansas St. | 224 | 1,102 | 4.9 | 9 | 100.18 |

### COMBINED YARDAGE

| Name, School | Rush. | Rec. | PR | KR | Total Yards | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Benjamin, Pacific (Cal.) | 1,581 | 612 | 4 | 798 | 2,995 | 249.6 |
| Vaughn Dunbar, Indiana | 1,699 | 252 | 0 | 262 | 2,213 | 201.2 |
| Marshall Faulk, San Diego St. | 1,429 | 201 | 0 | 33 | 1,663 | 184.8 |
| Trevor Cobb, Rice | 1,692 | 136 | 0 | 16 | 1,844 | 167.6 |
| Corey Harns, Vanderbilt | 1,103 | 283 | 0 | 445 | 1,831 | 166.5 |
| Tony Smith, So. Mississippi | 998 | 97 | 115 | 271 | 1,481 | 164.6 |
| Desmond Howard, Michigan | 165 | 950 | 261 | 373 | 1,749 | 159.0 |
| Chris Hughley, Tulsa | 1,326 | 74 | 0 | 190 | 1,590 | 159.0 |
| Russell White, California | 1,177 | 139 | 0 | 408 | 1,724 | 156.7 |
| Dion Johnson, East Carolina | 255 | 743 | 162 | 513 | 1,673 | 152.1 |
| Charles Levy, Arizona | 505 | 289 | 0 | 682 | 1,476 | 147.6 |
| Jason Davis, Louisiana Tech | 1,351 | 110 | 0 | 14 | 1,475 | 147.5 |
| Aaron Turner, Pacific (Cal.) | 0 | 1,604 | 0 | 0 | 1,604 | 145.8 |
| Harold Robinson, Akron | 48 | 779 | 0 | 771 | 1,598 | 145.3 |
| Billy Smith, Central Michigan | 1,440 | 79 | 0 | 17 | 1,536 | 139.6 |
| Glyn Milburn, Stanford | 598 | 454 | 186 | 276 | 1,514 | 137.6 |
| Errict Rhett, Florida | 1,109 | 361 | 0 | 0 | 1,470 | 133.6 |
| Tony Sands, Kansas | 1,442 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1,449 | 131.7 |
| Derek Brown, Nebraska | 1,313 | 86 | 0 | 24 | 1,423 | 129.4 |
| Brad Smith, Kent St. | 645 | 202 | 0 | 292 | 1,139 | 126.6 |

### FIELD GOALS

| Name, School | FG | FGA | Pct. | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Doug Brien, California | 19 | 28 | .679 | 1.73 |
| Dan Eichloff, Kansas | 18 | 24 | .750 | 1.64 |
| Jason Elam, Hawaii | 19 | 24 | .792 | 1.58 |
| Carlos Huerta, Miami | 17 | 21 | .810 | 1.55 |
| John Biskup, Syracuse | 17 | 22 | .773 | 1.55 |
| Nelson Welch, Clemson | 17 | 26 | .654 | 1.55 |
| Lin Elliott, Texas Tech | 17 | 26 | .654 | 1.55 |
| Eric Lange, Tulsa | 16 | 18 | .889 | 1.45 |
| Joe Wood, Air Force | 17 | 22 | .773 | 1.42 |
| Craig Fayak, Penn St. | 17 | 26 | .654 | 1.42 |

### INTERCEPTIONS

| Name, School | Games | No. | Yards | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Terrell Buckley, Florida St. | 12 | 12 | 238 | 2 | 1.00 |
| Carlton Gray, UCLA | 11 | 10 | 119 | 1 | .91 |
| Willie Clay, Georgia Tech | 12 | 9 | 66 | 1 | .75 |
| Ray Buchanan, Louisville | 11 | 8 | 89 | 0 | .73 |
| Tracy Saul, Texas Tech | 11 | 8 | 79 | 0 | .73 |
| Richard Palmer, East. Mich. | 11 | 7 | 219 | 1 | .64 |
| Ron Carpenter, Miami (Ohio) | 11 | 7 | 197 | 1 | .64 |
| Ron Edwards, Utah St. | 11 | 7 | 146 | 2 | .64 |
| Walter Bailey, Washington | 11 | 7 | 114 | 2 | .64 |
| Willie Lindsey, Northwestern | 11 | 7 | 52 | 0 | .64 |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| Name, School | Plays | Yards | TDR* | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ty Detmer, Brigham Young | 478 | 4,001 | 39 | 333.4 |
| David Klingler, Houston | 589 | 3,226 | 30 | 322.6 |
| Troy Kopp, Pacific (Cal.) | 496 | 3,686 | 38 | 307.2 |
| Jeff Blake, East Carolina | 45 | 3,182 | 31 | 289.3 |
| Gino Torretta, Miami | 420 | 3,155 | 22 | 286.8 |
| Shane Matthews, Florida | 411 | 3,140 | 29 | 285.5 |
| Dave Brown, Duke | 527 | 2,851 | 25 | 259.2 |
| Andy Kelly, Tennessee | 418 | 2,819 | 18 | 256.3 |
| Jason Verduzco, Illinois | 429 | 2,781 | 15 | 252.8 |
| Alex Van Pelt, Pittsburgh | 424 | 2,777 | 16 | 252.5 |
| Tom Corontzos, Wyoming | 449 | 2,729 | 22 | 248.1 |
| Matt Rodgers, Iowa | 316 | 2,207 | 18 | 245.2 |
| Trent Green, Indiana | 420 | 2,663 | 23 | 242.1 |
| Drew Bledsoe, Washington St. | 462 | 2,647 | 19 | 240.6 |
| Casey Weldon, Florida St. | 351 | 2,497 | 22 | 227.0 |
| Tommy Maddox, UCLA | 387 | 2,472 | 18 | 224.7 |
| Frank Dolce, Utah | 391 | 2,457 | 20 | 223.4 |
| Mike Pawlawski, California | 353 | 2,451 | 22 | 222.8 |
| Shawn Jones, Georgia Tech | 453 | 2,649 | 18 | 220.8 |
| David Lowery, San Diego St. | 370 | 2,590 | 22 | 215.8 |

* Touchdowns responsible for

### RECEIVING

| Name, School | No. | Yards | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fred Gilbert, Houston | 106 | 957 | 7 | 9.6 |
| Aaron Turner, Pacific (Cal.) | 92 | 1,604 | 18 | 8.4 |
| Marcus Grant, Houston | 78 | 1,262 | 10 | 7.1 |
| Wilbert Ursin, Tulane | 70 | 969 | 9 | 6.4 |
| Carl Winston, New Mexico | 76 | 1,177 | 7 | 6.3 |
| Sean Lachapelle, UCLA | 68 | 987 | 11 | 6.2 |
| Greg Primus, Colorado St. | 67 | 1,081 | 8 | 6.1 |
| Chris Walsh, Stanford | 66 | 934 | 6 | 6.0 |
| Mark Szlachcic, Bowling Green | 65 | 943 | 8 | 5.9 |
| Kelly Blackwell, Texas Christian | 64 | 762 | 6 | 5.8 |
| Robert Rivers, Wyoming | 57 | 742 | 7 | 5.7 |
| Mario Bailey, Washington | 62 | 1,307 | 17 | 5.6 |
| James Guarantano, Rutgers | 62 | 740 | 2 | 5.6 |
| Desmond Howard, Michigan | 61 | 950 | 19 | 5.6 |
| Rod Moore, Utah St. | 60 | 944 | 10 | 5.5 |
| Kameno Bell, Illinois | 60 | 484 | 0 | 5.5 |
| Jason Wolf, Southern Methodist | 59 | 565 | 4 | 5.4 |
| Patrick Rowe, San Diego St. | 57 | 822 | 5 | 5.2 |
| Daryl Hobbs, Pacific (Cal.) | 62 | 722 | 12 | 5.2 |

### KICKOFF RETURNS
(Minimum 1.2 per game)

| Name, School | No. | Yards | TDs | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| F. Montgomery, New Mexico St. | 25 | 734 | 1 | 29.3 |
| Ronald Rice, East. Michigan | 11 | 319 | 0 | 29.0 |
| Jeff Sydner, Hawaii | 18 | 495 | 0 | 27.5 |
| C. Hawkins, Michigan St. | 20 | 548 | 0 | 27.4 |
| Eric Blount, North Carolina | 25 | 679 | 1 | 27.2 |
| Andre Hastings, Georgia | 14 | 380 | 0 | 27.1 |
| Floyd Foreman, Utah St. | 27 | 730 | 0 | 27.0 |
| Gary Melton, Rutgers | 17 | 435 | 1 | 25.6 |
| Charles Levy, Arizona | 27 | 682 | 0 | 25.3 |
| Donovan Moore, Oregon | 13 | 327 | 0 | 25.2 |
| Qadry Ismail, Syracuse | 19 | 475 | 1 | 25.0 |

### SCORING

| Name, School | TDs | PATs | FGs | Pts. | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marshall Faulk, San Diego St. | 23 | 2 | 0 | 140 | 15.6 |
| Desmond Howard, Michigan | 23 | 0 | 0 | 138 | 12.6 |
| Tommy Vardell, Stanford | 20 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 10.9 |
| Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame | 20 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 10.0 |
| Aaron Turner, Pacific (Cal.) | 18 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 9.8 |
| Mario Bailey, Washington | 17 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 9.3 |
| Russell White, California | 16 | 2 | 0 | 98 | 8.9 |
| Doug Brien, California | 0 | 41 | 19 | 98 | 8.9 |
| Derek Mahoney, Fresno St. | 0 | 63 | 11 | 96 | 8.7 |
| Jason Davis, Louisiana Tech | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 8.4 |
| Calvin Jones, Nebraska | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 8.4 |
| Ryan Benjamin, Pacific (Cal.) | 16 | 2 | 0 | 98 | 8.2 |
| Michael Carter, Hawaii | 16 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 8.0 |
| Carlos Huerta, Miami | 0 | 37 | 17 | 88 | 8.0 |
| Terry Venetoulias, Texas A&M | 0 | 49 | 13 | 88 | 8.0 |
| Craig Fayak, Penn St. | 0 | 42 | 17 | 93 | 7.8 |
| Lin Elliott, Texas Tech | 0 | 34 | 17 | 85 | 7.7 |
| Dan Eichloff, Kansas | 0 | 31 | 18 | 85 | 7.7 |
| John Biskup, Syracuse | 0 | 34 | 17 | 85 | 7.7 |
| Derek Brown, Nebraska | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 7.6 |

### PUNTING
(Minimum 3.6 per game)

| Name, School | No. | Avg. |
|---|---|---|
| Mark Bounds, Texas Tech | 53 | 46.8 |
| Jason Christ, Air Force | 50 | 45.7 |
| Pete Raether, Arkansas | 65 | 43.6 |
| Shayne Edge, Florida | 46 | 43.3 |
| Charles Langston, Houston | 52 | 43.2 |
| Eric Bruun, Purdue | 59 | 43.2 |
| Garret Henson, New Mexico St. | 54 | 43.1 |
| Rusty Carlsen, Utah St. | 56 | 43.1 |
| Ray Magana, Long Beach St. | 57 | 42.9 |
| David Lawrence, Vanderbilt | 54 | 42.7 |
| Ed Bunn, Texas-El Paso | 63 | 42.5 |
| Dan Eichloff, Kansas | 54 | 42.3 |
| Pat O'Neill, Syracuse | 45 | 42.2 |
| John Jett, East Carolina | 48 | 42.2 |
| Jeff Buffaloe, Memphis St. | 50 | 42.1 |
| Mike Stigge, Nebraska | 39 | 42.0 |
| Ed Garno, Virginia | 47 | 42.0 |
| Brian Parvin, Nevada-Las Vegas | 48 | 41.9 |
| Scot Armstrong, Georgia | 40 | 41.9 |
| Bill Hawk, Kentucky | 54 | 41.8 |

### PUNT RETURNS
(Minimum 1.2 per game)

| Name, School | No. | Yards | TDs | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bo Campbell, Virginia Tech | 15 | 273 | 0 | 18.2 |
| Desmond Howard, Michigan | 15 | 261 | 1 | 17.4 |
| David Palmer, Alabama | 24 | 386 | 3 | 16.1 |
| Kevin Williams, Miami | 36 | 560 | 3 | 15.6 |
| James McMillion, Iowa St. | 17 | 251 | 0 | 14.8 |
| Kevin Smith, Texas A&M | 19 | 275 | 2 | 14.5 |
| Michael James, Arkansas | 19 | 272 | 1 | 14.3 |
| Darnell Stephens, Clemson | 25 | 352 | 1 | 14.1 |
| Brad Clark, Brigham Young | 20 | 269 | 1 | 13.5 |
| Marshall Roberts, Rutgers | 34 | 454 | 0 | 13.4 |
| Eric Blount, North Carolina | 31 | 394 | 1 | 12.7 |
| Jeff Burris, Notre Dame | 18 | 227 | 0 | 12.6 |
| Thomas Bailey, Auburn | 42 | 528 | 1 | 12.6 |
| Tracy Saul, Texas Tech | 16 | 200 | 0 | 12.5 |
| George Coghill, Wake Foest | 25 | 312 | 1 | 12.5 |
| V. Brownlee, Mississippi | 28 | 341 | 1 | 12.2 |
| Matt Gay, Kansas | 15 | 182 | 0 | 12.1 |
| Eric Guliford, Arizona St. | 15 | 178 | 1 | 11.9 |
| Darian Hagan, Colorado | 25 | 287 | 0 | 11.5 |
| Terry Vaughn, Arizona | 24 | 269 | 1 | 11.2 |

# 1991 Division I-AA Statistical Leaders

### RUSHING

| Name, School | Atts. | Yards | Avg. | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Al Rosier, Dartmouth | 258 | 1,432 | 5.6 | 12 | 143.2 |
| Jerome Bledsoe, UMass | 264 | 1,545 | 5.9 | 11 | 140.5 |
| Derrick Franklin, Indiana St. | 318 | 1,505 | 4.7 | 12 | 136.8 |
| Jerome Fuller, Holy Cross | 266 | 1,465 | 5.5 | 12 | 133.2 |
| Jamie Jones, Eastern Illinois | 233 | 1,403 | 6.0 | 4 | 127.6 |
| Markus Thomas, East. Kent. | 178 | 1,353 | 7.6 | 10 | 123.0 |
| Willie English, Central Fla. | 236 | 1,338 | 5.7 | 13 | 121.6 |
| Toby Davis, Illinois St. | 253 | 1,169 | 4.6 | 7 | 116.9 |
| Chris Kouri, Yale | 209 | 1,101 | 5.3 | 8 | 110.1 |
| Michael Murray, Delaware St. | 226 | 1,200 | 5.3 | 9 | 109.1 |
| Kenny Sims, James Madison | 191 | 1,199 | 6.3 | 9 | 109.0 |
| Geoff Mitchell, Weber St. | 239 | 1,170 | 4.9 | 24 | 106.4 |
| Jack Douglas, Citadel | 266 | 1,152 | 4.3 | 13 | 104.7 |
| Carl Tremble, Furman | 159 | 927 | 5.8 | 11 | 103.0 |

### RECEIVING

| Name, School | No. | Yards | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alfred Pupunu, Weber St. | 93 | 1,204 | 12 | 8.5 |
| Mark Didio, Connecticut | 88 | 1,354 | 8 | 8.0 |
| Kasey Dunn, Idaho | 85 | 1,263 | 6 | 7.7 |
| Pat Nelson, Liberty | 81 | 1,075 | 4 | 7.4 |
| Horace Hamm, Lehigh | 75 | 1,044 | 13 | 6.8 |
| Alex Davis, Connecticut | 74 | 909 | 7 | 6.7 |
| Jeff Parker, Bethune-Cookman | 67 | 828 | 6 | 6.7 |
| Dave Hall, Weber St. | 73 | 1,043 | 10 | 6.6 |
| Bryan Reeves, Nevada | 62 | 931 | 5 | 6.2 |
| Cedric Tillman, Alcorn St. | 58 | 790 | 11 | 5.8 |
| Torrance Small, Alcorn St. | 55 | 1,068 | 7 | 5.5 |
| Mike Bobo, Dartmouth | 55 | 725 | 10 | 5.5 |
| Darrell Philon, Southeast Mo. St. | 60 | 815 | 4 | 5.5 |
| Tom Garlick, Fordham | 47 | 692 | 8 | 5.2 |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| Name, School | Plays | Yards | TDR* | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jamie Martin, Weber St. | 591 | 4,337 | 37 | 394.3 |
| Glenn Kempa, Lehigh | 513 | 3,511 | 31 | 319.2 |
| Doug Nussmeier, Idaho | 472 | 3,460 | 26 | 314.6 |
| Steve McNair, Alcorn St. | 394 | 3,137 | 30 | 313.7 |
| Tom Ciaccio, Holy Cross | 447 | 3,132 | 27 | 284.7 |
| Brad Lebo, Montana | 561 | 3,113 | 21 | 283.0 |
| Cornelius Benton, Connecticut | 442 | 2,758 | 19 | 275.8 |
| Robbie Justino, Liberty | 486 | 3,033 | 19 | 275.7 |
| Chris Hakel, William & Mary | 410 | 2,950 | 24 | 268.2 |
| Jermaine Hall, Bethune-Cookman | 494 | 2,645 | 22 | 264.5 |
| Michael Payton, Marshall | 266 | 2,379 | 20 | 264.3 |
| John Bonds, Northern Ariz. | 427 | 2,643 | 13 | 264.3 |
| Matt Griffin, New Hampshire | 381 | 2,569 | 25 | 256.9 |

*Touchdowns responsible for

### PASSING EFFICIENCY
(Minimum 15 attempts per game)

| Name, School | Comp. | Atts. | Pct. | Yards | TDs | Ints. | Rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Michael Payton, Marshall | 143 | 216 | 66.20 | 2,333 | 19 | 5 | 181.3 |
| Eriq Williams, James Madison | 107 | 192 | 55.73 | 1,914 | 19 | 7 | 164.8 |
| Hugh Swilling, Furman | 85 | 153 | 55.56 | 1,422 | 14 | 5 | 157.3 |
| Chris Vargas, Nevada | 91 | 153 | 59.48 | 1,386 | 10 | 4 | 151.9 |
| Jeff Thorne, Eastern Illinois | 151 | 246 | 61.38 | 1,920 | 21 | 6 | 150.2 |
| Connell Maynor, North Carolina A&T | 110 | 192 | 57.29 | 1,527 | 18 | 5 | 149.8 |
| Jay Johnson, Northern Iowa | 125 | 222 | 56.31 | 1,950 | 16 | 6 | 148.5 |
| Doug Nussmeier, Idaho | 230 | 384 | 59.90 | 3,300 | 25 | 11 | 147.8 |
| Jamie Martin, Weber St. | 310 | 500 | 62.00 | 4,125 | 35 | 17 | 147.6 |
| Chris Hakel, William & Mary | 232 | 357 | 64.99 | 2,974 | 18 | 9 | 146.6 |
| Ricky Jones, Alabama St. | 126 | 240 | 52.50 | 2,041 | 19 | 7 | 144.2 |
| Steve McNair, Alcorn St. | 189 | 337 | 56.08 | 2,895 | 24 | 15 | 142.8 |
| Kenyon Earl, UT-Chattanooga | 93 | 181 | 51.38 | 1,643 | 13 | 8 | 142.5 |
| Chad Roghair, Princeton | 147 | 239 | 61.51 | 1,886 | 14 | 8 | 140.4 |

### SCORING

| Name, School | G | TDs | PATs | FGs | Pts. | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Geoff Mitchell, Weber St. | 11 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 170 | 15.5 |
| Barry Bourassa, New Hampshire | 11 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 11.5 |
| Pat Kennedy, Villanova | 9 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 10.0 |
| Mark Lookenbill, Lehigh | 11 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 9.8 |
| Nate Singleton, Grambling | 11 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 9.3 |
| Brian Mitchell, Northern Iowa | 11 | 0 | 40 | 19 | 97 | 8.8 |
| Mike Giardi, Harvard | 9 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 8.7 |
| Robert Green, William & Mary | 9 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 8.7 |
| Rick Schwendinger, Nevada | 11 | 0 | 57 | 12 | 93 | 8.5 |
| Al Rosier, Dartmouth | 10 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 80 | 8.0 |
| Keith Elias, Princeton | 10 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 80 | 8.0 |
| Andrew Burr, Furman | 11 | 0 | 45 | 14 | 87 | 7.9 |
| Jerome Fuller, Holy Cross | 11 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 7.6 |
| Tim Lester, East. Kent. | 11 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 7.6 |
| Joe Campbell, Mid. Tennessee St. | 11 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 7.6 |
| Walter Dunson, Mid. Tennessee St. | 11 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 7.6 |
| Horace Hamm, Lehigh | 11 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 7.6 |

# 1991 Division II Statistical Leaders

### RUSHING

| Name, School | Atts. | Yards | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quincy Tillmon, Emporia St. | 259 | 1,544 | 17 | 171.6 |
| Troy Mills, Cal St. Sacramento | 223 | 1,668 | 17 | 166.8 |
| Zed Robinson, Southern Utah | 254 | 1,828 | 18 | 166.2 |
| Shannon Burnell, N. Dakota | 272 | 1,461 | 14 | 162.3 |
| Nelson Edmonds, No. Michigan | 328 | 1,517 | 10 | 151.7 |
| Chad Guthrie, NE Missouri St. | 302 | 1,649 | 17 | 149.9 |
| Rob Clodfelter, Livingstone | 283 | 1,379 | 14 | 137.9 |
| Bill Adams, Shepherd | 301 | 1,332 | 9 | 133.2 |
| Howard Rodman, Tuskegee | 205 | 1,265 | 11 | 126.5 |
| Brian Barton, Mesa St. | 237 | 1,120 | 5 | 124.4 |
| Shawn Graves, Wofford | 178 | 1,331 | 20 | 121.0 |
| Kevin Kimble, Butler | 307 | 1,175 | 10 | 117.5 |
| Scott Schulte, Hillsdale | 245 | 1,144 | 14 | 114.4 |
| Gaynor Blackmon, No. Colorado | 243 | 1,027 | 13 | 114.1 |

### RECEIVING

| Name, School | No. | Yards | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jesse Lopez, Cal St.-Hayward | 86 | 861 | 4 | 8.6 |
| Brian Fleming, UC-Santa Barbara | 61 | 705 | 8 | 7.6 |
| Marion Goolsby, Wayne St. (Neb.) | 75 | 827 | 7 | 7.5 |
| Carl Bruere, N.M. Highlands | 72 | 963 | 8 | 7.2 |
| Remus James, Virginia St. | 69 | 1,190 | 6 | 6.9 |
| Amahl Thomas, UC-Santa Barbara | 55 | 791 | 9 | 6.9 |
| Mike Ragin, Wingate | 68 | 893 | 5 | 6.8 |
| Khevin Pratt, Chico St. | 58 | 1,016 | 6 | 6.4 |
| Joseph Washington, Tuskegee | 63 | 1,050 | 12 | 6.3 |
| David Jackson, St. Mary's (Cal.) | 66 | 1,086 | 9 | 6.0 |
| Tony Willis, New Haven | 59 | 986 | 12 | 5.9 |
| Reggie Alexander, Western St. | 58 | 951 | 15 | 5.8 |
| Felix Lewis, Clark Atlanta | 58 | 916 | 8 | 5.8 |
| Lee Harper, Wayne St. (Neb.) | 58 | 848 | 6 | 5.8 |
| David Pignone, Central Conn. St. | 58 | 676 | 3 | 5.8 |
| Wade Leduc, Emporia St. | 58 | 773 | 4 | 5.8 |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| Name, School | Plays | Yards | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jayson Merrill, Western St. | 337 | 3,400 | 340.0 |
| Andy Breault, Kutztown | 407 | 2,850 | 285.0 |
| Troy Mott, Wayne St. (Neb.) | 514 | 2,822 | 282.2 |
| Leonard Williams, Tenn.-Martin | 348 | 2,787 | 278.7 |
| Carl Wright, Virginia Union | 377 | 2,683 | 268.3 |
| Maurice Heard, Tuskegee | 372 | 2,666 | 266.6 |
| Rob Tomlinson, Cal St.-Chico | 395 | 2,393 | 265.9 |
| Scott Wood, St. Mary's (Cal.) | 411 | 2,846 | 258.7 |
| John St. Jacques, Santa Clara | 405 | 2,834 | 257.6 |
| Matt Cook, Mo. Southern St. | 347 | 2,768 | 251.6 |
| Steward Perez, Chadron St. | 371 | 2,628 | 238.9 |
| Joe Stochmal, Southern Conn. St. | 303 | 2,144 | 238.2 |
| Mike Quinn, UC-Davis | 407 | 2,378 | 237.8 |
| Charles Parks, Clark Atlanta | 207 | 2,356 | 235.6 |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY
(Minimum 15 attempts per game)

| Name, School | Comp. | Atts. | Pct. | Yards | TDs | Ints. | Rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jayson Merrill, Western St. | 195 | 309 | 63.1 | 3,484 | 35 | 11 | 187.9 |
| John Charles, Portland St. | 147 | 247 | 59.5 | 2,619 | 32 | 7 | 185.5 |
| James Armendariz, Southern Utah | 109 | 184 | 59.2 | 1,839 | 17 | 5 | 168.0 |
| Tony Aliucci, Indiana (Pa.) | 122 | 190 | 64.2 | 1,885 | 13 | 6 | 163.6 |
| Jack Huli, Grand Valley St. | 109 | 179 | 60.8 | 1,709 | 15 | 6 | 162.0 |
| Matt Cook, Mo. Southern St. | 141 | 275 | 51.2 | 2,637 | 25 | 7 | 156.7 |
| Trevor Spradley, Southwest Baptist | 168 | 256 | 65.6 | 2,492 | 13 | 10 | 156.1 |
| Andy Breault, Kutztown | 225 | 360 | 62.5 | 2,927 | 37 | 20 | 153.4 |
| Joe Stochmal, Southern Conn. St. | 105 | 191 | 54.9 | 1,839 | 17 | 12 | 152.5 |
| Maurice Heard, Tuskegee | 190 | 332 | 57.2 | 2,614 | 30 | 13 | 145.2 |
| Scott Wood, St. Mary's (Cal.) | 206 | 357 | 57.7 | 3,006 | 22 | 9 | 143.6 |
| Paul Romanowski, Butler | 157 | 265 | 59.2 | 2,214 | 18 | 11 | 143.4 |
| V. J. Lechman, No. Colorado | 119 | 203 | 58.6 | 1,706 | 11 | 5 | 141.9 |
| Bobby Fresques, Cal St.-Sacramento | 89 | 154 | 57.7 | 1,280 | 8 | 2 | 142.0 |

### SCORING

| Name, School | TDs | PATs | FGs | Pts. | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quincy Tillmon, Emporia St. | 19 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 12.7 |
| Troy Mills, Cal St.-Sacramento | 21 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 12.6 |
| Shawn Graves, Wofford | 20 | 2 | 0 | 122 | 11.1 |
| Chad Guthrie, NE Missouri St. | 20 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 10.9 |
| Zed Robinson, Southern Utah | 18 | 4 | 0 | 112 | 10.2 |
| Christopher Holder, Tuskegee | 16 | 4 | 0 | 100 | 10.0 |
| Aron Wise, Santa Clara | 16 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 9.6 |
| Gaynor Blackmon, No. Colorado | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 9.3 |
| Shannon Burnell, No. Dakota | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 9.3 |
| Eric Rajala, Minnesota-Duluth | 15 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 9.0 |
| Tony Evans, Colorado Mines | 15 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 9.0 |
| Scott Schulte, Hillsdale | 15 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 9.0 |
| Reggie Alexander, Western St. | 15 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 9.0 |
| Mark Steinmeyer, Kutztown | 15 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 9.0 |
| Jeremy Monroe, Michigan Tech | 15 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 9.0 |

# 1991 Division III Statistical Leaders

### RUSHING

| Name, School | Atts. | Yards | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hank Wineman, Albion | 307 | 1,629 | 14 | 181.0 |
| Eric Grey, Hamilton | 217 | 1,439 | 13 | 179.9 |
| Anthony Russo, St. John's (N.Y.) | 287 | 1,685 | 18 | 168.5 |
| Chris Babirad, Wash. & Jeff | 224 | 1,508 | 18 | 167.6 |
| Eric Frees, Western Maryland | 304 | 1,545 | 15 | 154.5 |
| Wes Stearns, Merchant Marine | 216 | 1,219 | 7 | 152.4 |
| Kevin Piecewicz, Mass. Maritime | 230 | 1,289 | 13 | 143.2 |
| Heath Butler, N'western Col. (Wis.) | 212 | 1,138 | 7 | 142.3 |
| Alex Plomaritis, Dickinson | 217 | 1,238 | 11 | 137.6 |
| Stanley Drayton, Allegheny | 245 | 1,375 | 27 | 137.5 |
| Willie Beers, John Carroll | 292 | 1,362 | 14 | 136.2 |
| Sean Rorke, Williams | 136 | 808 | 4 | 134.7 |

### RECEIVING

| Name, School | No. | Yards | TDs | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ron Severance, Otterbein | 85 | 929 | 4 | 8.5 |
| Rick Sems, Grove City | 73 | 1,023 | 7 | 8.1 |
| Rod Zerbel, La Verne | 70 | 785 | 4 | 7.8 |
| Matt Newton, Principia | 69 | 863 | 5 | 7.7 |
| Chris Bisaillon, Ill. Wesleyan | 65 | 1,068 | 17 | 7.2 |
| Chris Murphy, Georgetown | 72 | 1,034 | 7 | 7.2 |
| John Guss, Maine Maritime | 57 | 819 | 8 | 7.1 |
| Mike Muraca, Wesleyan | 55 | 631 | 1 | 6.9 |
| Matt Shell, Cortland St. | 61 | 719 | 3 | 6.8 |
| Kevin Fayette, Juniata | 61 | 865 | 2 | 6.8 |
| Barry Rose, Wis.-Stevens Point | 63 | 1,107 | 10 | 6.3 |
| Chris Morkert, Concordia (Ill.) | 50 | 671 | 3 | 6.3 |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| Name, School | Plays | Yards | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|
| Willie Reyna, La Verne | 220 | 2,633 | 329.1 |
| Pat Mayew, St. John's (Minn.) | 338 | 2,601 | 289.0 |
| Bill Hyland, Iona | 433 | 2,574 | 257.4 |
| Jordan Poznick, Principia | 414 | 2,051 | 256.4 |
| Brad Hensley, Kenyon | 441 | 2,554 | 255.4 |
| Ed Dougherty, Lycoming | 354 | 2,259 | 251.0 |
| John Guglieimo, Johns Hopkins | 404 | 2,426 | 242.6 |
| Dennis Goetti, Wis.-La Crosse | 364 | 2,399 | 239.9 |
| Andy Pickering, William Penn | 606 | 2,398 | 239.8 |
| Jim Ballard, Mount Union | 333 | 2,371 | 237.1 |
| Kevin Wesoloski, Westfield St. | 390 | 2,328 | 232.8 |
| Rick Renshaw, Wesley | 332 | 2,439 | 221.7 |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY
(Minimum 15 attempts per game)

| Name, School | Comp. | Atts. | Pct. | Yards | TDs | Ints. | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pat Mayew, St. John's (Minn.) | 154 | 247 | 62.3 | 2,408 | 30 | 4 | 181.0 |
| Gary Urwiler, Eureka | 103 | 171 | 60.2 | 1,656 | 18 | 5 | 170.3 |
| John Koz, Baldwin-Wallace | 153 | 239 | 64.0 | 2,014 | 21 | 4 | 160.4 |
| Rick Renshaw, Wesley | 159 | 263 | 60.4 | 2,379 | 26 | 12 | 159.8 |
| Willie Reyna, La Verne | 170 | 267 | 63.6 | 2,543 | 16 | 6 | 158.8 |
| Jim Ballard, Mount Union | 159 | 278 | 57.1 | 2,310 | 27 | 8 | 153.1 |
| Tom Monken, Ill. Wesleyan | 114 | 203 | 56.1 | 1,654 | 20 | 6 | 151.1 |
| Aaron Keen, Washington (Mo.) | 106 | 176 | 60.2 | 1,487 | 13 | 5 | 149.8 |
| Jim Weigel, Buffalo St. | 82 | 154 | 53.2 | 1,330 | 16 | 10 | 147.0 |

### SCORING

| Name, School | TDs | PATs | FGs | Pts. | Avg./ Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stanley Drayton, Allegheny | 28 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 16.8 |
| Chris Babirad, Wash. & Jeff. | 22 | 2 | 0 | 134 | 14.8 |
| Chris Bisaillon, Ill. Wesleyan | 18 | 4 | 0 | 112 | 12.4 |
| Al White, Wm. Paterson | 20 | 4 | 0 | 124 | 12.4 |
| Erik Orndorff, Lebanon Valley | 20 | 4 | 0 | 120 | 12.0 |
| Pat Holacre, Dayton | 19 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 11.4 |
| Scott Berent, Cortland St. | 17 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 11.3 |
| Phelan Piestrup, La Verne | 16 | 6 | 0 | 102 | 11.3 |
| Eric Grey, Hamilton | 15 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 11.3 |
| Jason Wooley, Worcester Tech | 16 | 2 | 0 | 98 | 10.9 |

# Southwestern Athletic

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Alcorn State
2. Grambling State
3. Texas Southern
4. Jackson State
5. Alabama State
6. Mississippi Valley State
7. Southern
8. Prairie View A&M

One thing is certain about football in the Southwestern Athletic Conference: If you're going to be a coach in this league, you have to be prepared to speak your mind.

Cardell Jones understands that. The second-year coach of the Alcorn State Braves has, on paper, the best team in the SWAC this season, and he's not afraid to say so. When asked to predict how the final standings will read in November, he unabashedly puts his Braves at the top of the list. "We've got a good team coming back," he says. "Our kids are experienced and talented."

Enough said. Alcorn will return 15 of 22 starters from last season's team. Included in that group is record-setting quarterback Steve (Air II) McNair, the SWAC offensive player of the year.

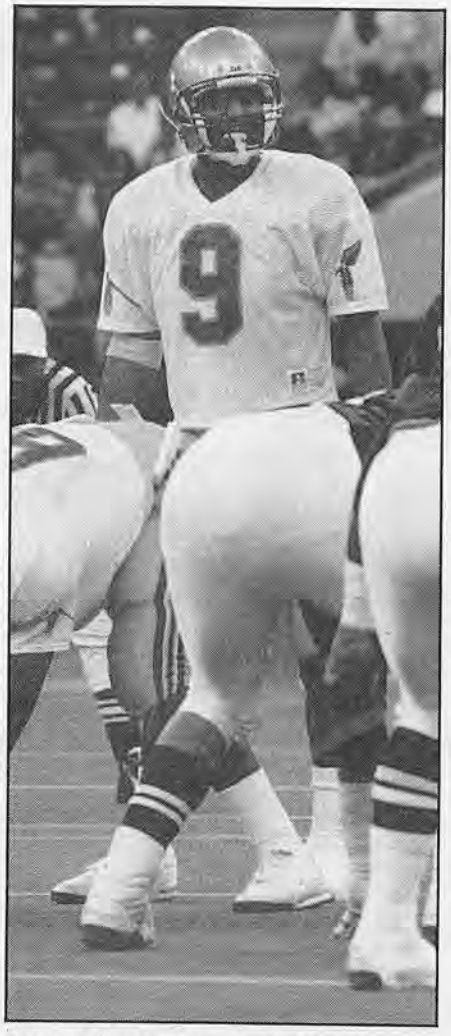
However, the other coaches in the conference aren't ready to hand over the crown by proclamation. Jones and his Braves will have to earn it. "There are a lot of teams capable of winning the conference this year," says Grambling State coach Eddie Robinson, who will be coaching in his 50th season. "We should be able to put a pretty good team on the field ourselves."

Robinson and Jackson State's W.C. Gorden would like to see 1992 be a rebound season for the conference's perennial powers. Last year both Grambling and Jackson State finished with disappointing conference records. "That just shows what I've been saying all along, that the conference has a lot of good teams," Robinson says. "It's very hard to dominate in this conference."

It's not that hard to be dominated, though. On the other end of the SWAC spectrum, poor Prairie View A&M will be trying to bounce back from a horrendous year. The financially strapped football program, which awards no scholarships, was last in every team category in the SWAC. The Panthers went 0-11 and were outscored by an average of 52 points per game.

### 1991 SWAC Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Alabama State | 6 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| Alcorn State | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| Southern | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Texas Southern | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Mississippi Valley St. | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Jackson State | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Grambling State | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Prairie View A&M | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |



**Frequent flyers: Alcorn State has once again booked a SWAC flight on Air McNair.**

### 1 Alcorn State

The people around Lorman, Miss., experienced the second coming last season—the second coming of Air McNair. Following in the footsteps of older brother Fred (Air I) McNair, freshman quarterback Steve (Air II) McNair opened some eyes in the SWAC.

McNair completed 189 of 338 passes for 2,895 yards and 24 touchdowns, and earned conference and Sheridan offensive player of the year honors. To repeat those numbers he'll have to replace departed receivers Torrance Small and Cedric Tillman. Fortunately the Braves have five receivers returning who each caught more than 10 passes last year. Tailback Harry Brown also returns after rushing for 432 yards and earning SWAC newcomer of the year honors.

Linebackers Dennis Stevenson and Al Childress anchor a defensive unit that returns eight starters from a group that was second in the conference in rushing defense and third in passing defense. Safety Napoleon Williams leads the secondary after intercepting six passes as a sophomore.

### 2 Grambling State

The solution to a dismal 1991 season at Grambling State may be simply to cram the ball down opponents' throats. The Tigers should feature one of Division I-AA's top ground games.

Fullback Eric Gant led the conference in rushing with 1,111 yards and earned all-conference honors. He probably will be teamed with newcomer Norman Bradford, a 6-2, 220-pound tailback who sat out last season. Gant and Bradford will work behind a huge offensive line that returns four starters. Quarterback Shawn Burras also returns, and he'll have wide receiver Stevie Anderson to throw to.

The Grambling defense returns four of its top five tacklers. However, the Tigers must improve on last year's passing defense, which gave up 250 yards per game.

Kicker Gilad Landau hit 12 of 17 field goals and 34 of 36 PATs for the Tigers last season.

### 3 Texas Southern

The keys to success at Texas Southern are simple: Run the ball and defend the run. All-conference tailback Kerry Henderson returns after rushing for an even 1,000 yards in 1991, and three starters return on the offensive line to help him find his way.

On defense, the Tigers return all-conference lineman Mike Strahan, plus linebackers Anthony Wallace and Keith Patterson.

### 4 Jackson State

The biggest question facing Jackson State is the identity of the coach. W.C. Gorden became the Tigers' full-time athletic director at the end of last season but was compelled to run the team through spring drills because a replacement as head coach had not been found.

Whoever gets the job will have a team thin on front-line talent but with a solid quarterback in Ricky Jordan (1,869 yards passing and 14 touchdowns) and six returning starters on defense.

### 5 Alabama State

After a memorable season, Alabama State must now try to follow up with a lot of new faces. The Hornets lost six all-conference seniors but return some quality on defense with linebacker Jerich Green and cornerback Latrod Garner. Tailback Rico White ran for 703 yards and six touchdowns last season.

### 6 Mississippi Valley State

In a conference known for its wide-open passing game, Mississippi Valley State returns the nucleus of the top pass defense in the SWAC. Pass-rushers Eric Alexander and Davie Carpenter anchor the line, while linebacker Alphonso Brown was second in the conference, with 103 tackles.

### 7 Southern University

At Southern University, "the Godfather" is back. Marino Casem returns to coaching after a three-year layoff. He'll have to start over from scratch but will have the team's top rusher, Lindsey Scott (444 yards), to help speed the process.

### 8 Prairie View A&M

Prairie View A&M should be given credit just for fielding a team. During one five-week stretch last season the Panthers were outscored 322-13; Alabama State beat them 92-0. Still, receiver Bo Gillard led the conference in receiving, catching 68 passes for 649 yards. —JACK MITCHELL

# Gateway

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Northern Iowa
2. Southwest Missouri State
3. Western Illinois
4. Eastern Illinois
5. Southern Illinois
6. Illinois State
7. Western Kentucky
8. Indiana State

In 1991 Northern Iowa finished 11-2, won the Gateway Conference, was ranked as high as No. 4 in the nation, and set 13 school records—and the Panthers were a year away.

"You have to feel comfortable with it," NIU coach Terry Allen says of the scenario for 1992, which finds eight starters returning on both sides of the ball. "We were the favorites last year, and we overcame that to have a pretty good season. But we thought we were a year away."

While the Panthers are an overwhelming favorite, Southwest Missouri State and Western Illinois should challenge for second place and a I-AA playoff berth. Eastern Illinois could rise in the standings with just a little better luck. Southern Illinois and Illinois State will join newcomer Western Kentucky in the middle of the pack, while Indiana State must overcome the loss of stellar athletes in the skill positions.

### 1 Northern Iowa

"Only eight of the 12 seniors we lost played a bunch," says Panthers coach Terry Allen. "That's not to say we won't miss them, but this group of seniors should be the best we've ever had."

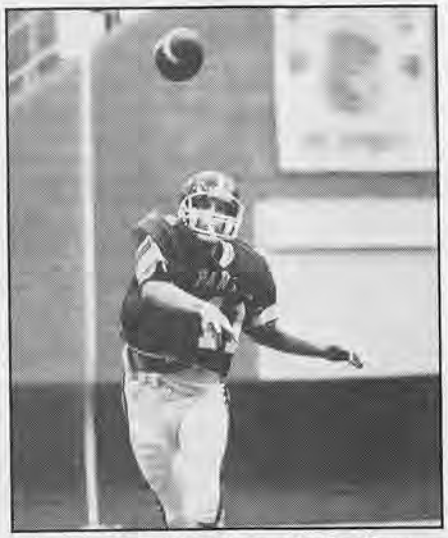
Linebacker William Freeney was the Gateway defensive player of the year. He recorded 13 sacks and six other tackles for loss and accumulated 73 total tackles before missing NIU's second-round I-AA playoff loss to Marshall with a badly sprained ankle. In addition, four of the front five are back on defense, as are three of four in the secondary. Defensive end Casey Smith had 11 sacks.

All-Gateway quarterback Jay Johnson returns after completing 55% of his passes for 2,399 yards, 20 touchdowns, and just seven interceptions. Wide receiver Kenny Shedd also was all-league, averaging 27.6 yards per catch and hauling in seven TDs. Tight end Chris Nuss caught 34 passes and was named First Team All-Gateway. Senior fullback Tank Corner, who led the Panthers with 873 yards rushing, also is slated to return.

**1991 Gateway Standings**

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Northern Iowa | 5 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 4 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Western Illinois | 4 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| SW Missouri State | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| Indiana State | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Eastern Illinois | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Illinois State | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Western Kentucky* | — | — | — | 3 | 8 | 0 |

*Was not a member of the conference in 1991.



**With Johnson at the trigger, the Panthers will be hunting for another Gateway title.**

### 2 Southwest Missouri State

The Bears bring back only three starters on defense, but Jess Branch's teams never fall far.

Southwest Missouri redshirted 21 freshmen last year, and Branch is hoping for some quick help on defense. Defensive back Adrion Smith led the league with seven interceptions, and outside linebacker Cameron Flemming was second on the team with 93 tackles. Junior-college transfer Steve Levels could be a force at linebacker.

Seven starters are back on offense. Ken Whittaker and Cleveland Antoine both saw plenty of time at quarterback last fall, and the top three receivers from last year are back. Jonah White led the team in rushing with 555 yards.

### 3 Western Illinois

Randy Ball's second team at Western Illinois improved from 3-8 to 7-4-1, tied for second place in the league, and lost to Marshall in overtime in the first round of the I-AA playoffs. Although only a handful of full-time starters return from that squad, there are many players who saw some game experience, plus a herd of junior-college transfers. "We have some outstanding talent, although everyone in the conference has some great players returning," Ball says. "We're going to be right up there with the rest of them."

The top seven receivers are back. Among them is Steve Ross, a starter in 1990 who was a medical redshirt last year after suffering a broken ankle. Quarterback Don Simmons returns to throw to them, and both guards are back to block. Fullback Demetrius Jackson could become a key player.

Second Team All-Gateway linebacker Ken McMillan is one of three starters back on defense, and punter Vinnie Viano had good credentials coming out of junior college.

### 4 Eastern Illinois

Six losses by a combined seven points had the EIU athletic department sending out for four-leaf clovers, rabbit's feet, and snakebite cures. However, the return of five starters on offense and six on defense, along with simple mathematical probability, give the Panthers hope for better things in '92.

The offense will revolve around second team all-league quarterback Jeff Thorne. He led the Gateway in passing efficiency, completing 61% of his passes for 21 touchdowns with just six interceptions. Ray McElroy led the league in kickoff returns (26.2) as a freshman. The defense lost its top three tacklers, but tackle Dan Dee had 84 stops.

### 5 Southern Illinois

The Salukis almost put together a worst-to-first season, finishing one game behind Northern Iowa. Seven starters are back on offense, and six return on defense.

Wide receiver Justin Roebuck is the receptions leader among Gateway returnees (42 for 647 yards). Yonel Jourdain is a great blocking back who also ran for 517 yards a year ago. Quarterback Scott Gabbert should regain the starting spot he held as a sophomore, when he completed 41 of 60 passes in a game against Northern Illinois.

Defensive back Clint Smothers lettered in football, baseball, and track as a freshman at SIU. The kicking game must be shored up if the Salukis are to win the close ones again (six victories by a combined 14 points in '91).

### 6 Illinois State

Redbirds fans have been waiting for the "breakout" year for a while, and will likely be expecting it again in 1992. The talent is there. Nine starters return on offense, including second team all-league running back Toby Davis and Gateway total offense leader Adrian Wilson at quarterback. Davis ran for 1,169 yards, including a conference-record 255 against Southeast Missouri, and Wilson threw for 1,673 yards and ran for 344. Kicker/punter Cameron Bair, a transfer from Arizona State, hit 13 of 22 field goals.

The defense lost its top four tacklers but brings back tackles Clint Cullen (11 tackles for loss, four sacks) and Bob Wendlick (five sacks).

### 7 Western Kentucky

Jack Harbaugh's Hilltoppers enter their first season of league competition after enduring an injury-plagued campaign in 1991.

The top four rushers are back, including Roscoe Echols (963 yards). Option quarterbacks Eddie Thompson and Meco Malcome combined for more than 800 yards rushing. Dwayne Haun and Mike Brumbelow are two of 1991's three top receivers.

Danny Davis led the linemen in tackles as a true freshman. Linebacker Richard Grice had 12 tackles for losses, and defensive back Melvin Johnson keys the secondary.

### 8 Indiana State

If the Sycamores couldn't win with Derrick Franklin, Charles Swann, and Eric Christensen, how will they win without them? Franklin ran for 1,505 yards, Swann had 516 yards receiving, and Christensen was a four-year starter at linebacker, but all are gone.

There are seven starters back on offense and four on defense, but honorable mention All-Gateway safety Von Ganaway was shifted to tailback in the spring. Wide receiver Demetrius Dowler averaged 18.4 yards per catch as a sophomore. Kip Hennelly showed promise at quarterback by throwing for more than 500 yards in the last two games.

Nose guard Dyrrah Christon was third on the team in tackles. —ANDY CALL

# Mid-American

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Ball State
2. Bowling Green
3. Central Michigan
4. Toledo
5. Miami (Ohio)
6. Western Michigan
7. Akron
8. Eastern Michigan
9. Kent State
10. Ohio University

When Bowling Green football coach Gary Blackney talks, people listen, because Blackney proved last year that he knows what he's talking about: He guided a team that had been picked to finish anywhere from seventh to ninth in the Mid-American Conference to a league title, a California Raisin Bowl win, and an 11-1 record.

If Blackney is correct this year, his team won't repeat as MAC champions. "I've always believed defense and an outstanding quarterback are what you build a championship team around," Blackney says. "I've always thought teams that had a lot of defensive starters and their starting quarterback returning are the ones that should get the most attention in the preseason."

Blackney's description fits not his squad, but rival Ball State. The Cardinals bring back eight defensive starters, as well as quarterback Mike Neu. "We have some people who played a lot of football, and they're pretty good football players," Cardinals coach Paul Schudel concurs.

Bowling Green should again be in the hunt, along with traditional contenders Central Michigan and Toledo. Western Michigan is looking for a little more defense, Miami (Ohio) a bit more offense. Eastern Michigan hopes to rebound after successive sub-par seasons, while Kent State and Ohio University continue to straggle behind the rest of the conference. The good news for the league is that Akron officially joins the MAC this year. The bad news is that the agreement with the California Raisin Bowl has expired.

### 1991 MAC Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Bowling Green | 8 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Central Michigan | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| Toledo | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Miami (Ohio) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| Western Michigan | 4 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Ball State | 4 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Eastern Michigan | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Ohio | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| Kent State | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Akron* | — | — | — | 5 | 6 | 0 |

Bowling Green defeated Fresno State 28-21 in the California Raisin Bowl.
*Was not a member of the conference in 1991.

**Standout Ball State linebacker Parris hopes to parlay his team's defense into a MAC title.**

## 1 Ball State

The 1992 Cardinals boast quality as well as quantity. Among the eight returning defensive starters and four on offense are seven players who merited some type of All-MAC mention a year ago. "I think the big thing will be surviving without any injuries," coach Paul Schudel says of season-opening trips to Clemson and Kansas. "The year we won the conference [1989] we started with the same guys and ended with the same guys."

Outside linebacker Henry Hall and inside linebacker Mark Parris were both First Team All-MAC in 1991. Parris led the Cardinals in tackles, while Hall topped the squad in tackles for loss and was second in sacks with six. Cornerback Copatric Dartis was Second Team All-MAC, and the other corner, Blaine Bishop, recorded six sacks. Defensive end Thomas Sewell was voted the team's top freshman.

Finding four new offensive linemen and a kicker are the priorities on offense. Quarterback Mike Neu missed two games with a hand injury but still managed to finish second in the league in passing efficiency. Tailback Corey Croom set a school record for carries (291) while accumulating 1,130 yards rushing and being named First Team All-MAC. Damon Keller was a First Team All-MAC punter, averaging 40.4 yards per kick.

## 2 Bowling Green

First, a moment of tribute to coach Blackney, the former Ohio State assistant who took the Falcons from three wins to 11 in his first season. "From the day we got here we tried to create a positive climate, a situation where the players' level of self-esteem could be raised, and thus give them an attitude of confidence in themselves and in each other," Blackney says.

There's no more vivid example of that than quarterback Erik White. He rose from last in almost every MAC passing category in 1990 to the league's player of the year in 1991. The 6-5, 210-pounder completed 57% of his passes for 2,204 yards and 17 touchdowns. "You look at the films of him over the last two years, and it's like it's two different guys playing," Miami coach Randy Walker says of White.

"He has the potential to be one of the best quarterbacks in the country," adds Blackney.

Second to White in league MVP balloting was Falcons flanker Mark Szlachcic, who also returns. Szlachcic led the MAC with 65 catches for 943 yards and eight touchdowns. Tailback LeRoy Smith and split end Ronnie Redd are back as well, but Blackney must find four new offensive linemen.

The entire defensive line also has graduated. Outside linebacker Kevin O'Brien and cornerback Carlos Brooks were Second Team All-MAC picks. Inside linebacker Vince Palko was second on the team in tackles.

## 3 Central Michigan

"Weird" is about the only way to describe a 1991 fall in which the Chippewas tied an NCAA single-season record for ties. Four returning starters on offense and six on defense isn't a lot, but that

statistic rarely matters to the Chippewas, who have gone 26 seasons without a losing record.

Four-year starter Jeff Bender is gone from the quarterback spot, leaving junior Joe Youngblood and sophomore Erik Timpf to battle it out. Juniors Leo Griffin and Eric Myleshaving will duel to replace All-MAC tailback Billy Smith. Center Art Droski (6-4, 295 pounds) was second team all-league, and tackle Greg Sherwin (6-4, 300) earned honorable mention. Marty Malcom (6-5, 300) should step in at guard, and Darrell McCaul (6-5, 295) should fill in at the other tackle.

The defense will be led by tackle Mike Nettie, a First Team All-MAC selection in 1991. Three out of four starters return in the secondary. Safety Darral Stinson was second on the team in tackles and recorded a team-high three interceptions. Punter Dennis Nicholl and kicker Chuck Selinger, both Second Team All-MAC, return. Selinger's 67 points led the league in scoring. "We have to replace quality people, but I'm confident the players we have back will have fine careers of their own," Chippewas coach Herb Deromedi says.

## 4 Toledo

Like Ball State, the Rockets are in Blackney's ideal situation. Eight starters are back on defense, as is quarterback Kevin Meger. Although Meger threw 13 interceptions compared to just six touchdowns, he was named Second Team All-MAC. Wideout Marcus Goodwin was a first-team pick after catching 42 passes for 600 yards. Offensive guard Andy McCollum, one of five returning starters on offense, was also First Team All-MAC.

The Rockets led the league in pass defense but were eighth against the run. Three of four starters in the secondary return, as does all-league defensive end Dan Williams.

Gary Pinkel was Toledo's third head coach in three years in 1991. Having him around for a second season can't hurt.

## 5 Miami (Ohio)

"We've made some positive strides," Redskins coach Randy Walker says. "We had a long way to go. Now I think we have a chance to be competitive." For that to happen, though, Miami will have to score some points. The Redskins led the MAC in total defense and scoring defense a year ago, but the offense couldn't keep pace.

That could change this year. Running backs Kevin Ellerbe and Terry Carter, who both averaged about 70 yards rushing per game, are back. The Redskins are hoping for a turnaround from quarterback Jim Clement, who was last in passing efficiency in the MAC.

No such problems exist on defense. Linebacker Curt McMillan was named the MAC defensive player of the year after leading the nation in total tackles (a school-record 204) and tackles per game (18.5). Defensive back Ron Carpenter was voted All-MAC for the second year in a row, and defensive back Shean Williams was all-league honorable-mention.

## 6 Western Michigan

The Broncos finished a disappointing sixth in the league last year; only Kent State gave up more points in league games.

This year Western will have the potential to simply outscore some opponents. Among the five starters on offense are four-year starting quarterback Brad Tayles, who helped the Broncos finish second in the league in passing offense. Protecting Tayles will be massive All-MAC tackle Paul Hutchins (6-6, 330) and Second Team All-MAC guard Dave VanDale. Halfback Corey Sylve is gone, but Andre Wallace accumulated 528 yards last year and should become the focal point this fall. Flanker John Morton's 15.9 yards-per-catch average is the best among the Mid-American's returning receivers.

## 7 Akron

The Zips enter their first year of MAC competition with seven returning starters on defense and six on offense. Akron will play eight league games this year before going to a full nine-game MAC slate in 1993.

Six of the team's top seven tacklers return: inside linebackers Bruce Keys and Phil Dunn, outside linebacker Jerry Best, end Wayne Anderson, and three of four starters in the secondary. Anderson and Best each had 4½ sacks.

Like a rebuilding baseball team, the Zips are looking for help up the middle after losing their starting center, quarterback, and fullback. Junior Marcel Weems will battle two redshirts for the QB spot. Running backs Marlon Jacobs and Raymont Small both had about 400 yards rushing in 1991.

Akron lost both its games against MAC teams last year and is 6-8-1 vs. league foes under Gerry Faust.

## 8 Eastern Michigan

As recently as two years ago it looked like the Eagles would be a year-in, year-out contender in the MAC. Now, after seasons of 2-9 and 3-7-1, folks in Ypsilanti are beginning to wonder.

The potential for a return to power is there. Eight regulars are back on defense, including All-MAC defensive back Richard Palmer, who had seven interceptions in 1991. Linebacker Mike Danley, who led the team in tackles, is joined by defensive end Walter Campbell, who recorded a team-high eight sacks. Defensive back Ron Rice was third on the team in tackles and led the MAC with a 29.0 kickoff-return average.

The Eagles offense is banking on the continued development of quarterback Kwame McKinnon, who passed for 849 yards and ran for 319 in 1991.

## 9 Kent State

New coach Pete Cordelli was hired away from an assistant position at Notre Dame, but he didn't exactly bring the luck of the Irish with him in 1991. The youthful Golden Flashes lost four games by five points or fewer.

Linebacker Morrey Norris was named the league's freshman of the year after averaging 13 tackles per game—a school record for a freshman. Seven of the top eight tacklers on defense return. Offensive tackle Ryan Creed was named Second Team All-MAC as a sophomore.

## 10 Ohio University

Every MAC coach seems to say the same thing about Bobcats coach Tom Lichtenberg: "If he can't win at Ohio U., nobody can." Maybe nobody can. Ohio U. hasn't finished higher than fourth in the conference since 1976.

Helping keep the Bobcats in games this fall will be tailback Tim Curtis, who ran for 1,085 yards and was named first-team all-MAC. Defensive lineman Jason Carthen was second team all-league, punter Dave Hoyng tied for the league lead (40.4 per punt), and quarterback Tom Dubs was third in the MAC in passing efficiency. —ANDY CALL

### Returning MAC Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Erik White (Sr.) | Bowling Green | 1 | 185 | 323 | 2,204 | 17 |
| Mike Neu (Jr.) | Ball State | 2 | 141 | 225 | 1,491 | 6 |
| Tom Dubs (Sr.) | Ohio | 3 | 144 | 264 | 1,855 | 6 |
| Kevin Meger (Sr.) | Toledo | 5 | 147 | 276 | 1,787 | 6 |
| Brad Tayles (Sr.) | West. Michigan | 6 | 162 | 328 | 1,949 | 14 |
| Kevin Shuman (So.) | Kent State | 7 | 82 | 164 | 943 | 7 |
| Kwame McKinnon (So.) | East. Michigan | 8 | 74 | 149 | 849 | 5 |
| Jim Clement (Jr.) | Miami (Ohio) | 9 | 81 | 178 | 938 | 7 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tim Curtis (Sr.) | Ohio | 2 | 271 | 1,085 | 4.0 | 10 |
| Corey Croom (Sr.) | Ball State | 3 | 291 | 1,053 | 3.6 | 8 |
| LeRoy Smith (Sr.) | Bowling Green | 4 | 271 | 887 | 3.3 | 9 |
| Steve Cowan (Jr.) | Toledo | 5 | 162 | 748 | 4.6 | 7 |
| Kevin Ellerbe (Jr.) | Miami (Ohio) | 8 | 184 | 708 | 3.8 | 4 |
| Terry Carter (Jr.) | Miami (Ohio) | 9 | 142 | 554 | 3.9 | 2 |
| Andre Wallace (So.) | West. Michigan | 10 | 124 | 528 | 4.3 | 4 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mark Szlachcic (Sr.) | Bowling Green | 1 | 65 | 943 | 14.5 | 8 |
| Mike LeSure (Sr.) | Ball State | 3 | 49 | 629 | 12.8 | 2 |
| Marcus Goodwin (Sr.) | Toledo | 7 | 42 | 600 | 14.3 | 3 |
| John Morton (Sr.) | West. Michigan | 9 | 39 | 588 | 15.9 | 2 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

# Ohio Valley

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Eastern Kentucky
2. Middle Tennessee St.
3. Tennessee State
4. Morehead State
5. Austin Peay State
6. Southeast Missouri St.
7. Tennessee-Martin
8. Tennessee Tech
9. Murray State

With the addition of Tennessee-Martin, the Ohio Valley Conference is no longer the Big Two and the Other Six—it's now the Big Two and the Other Seven. Eastern Kentucky and Middle Tennessee State have won or had a share of every league title since 1981, and the two teams thoroughly dominated last season. They were the only two schools with winning OVC records.

Eastern Kentucky had the No. 1 defense, just ahead of Middle Tennessee. They reversed places in the offensive statistics, but both teams have more holes than normal to fill for this season. "We've always gone into spring finding young guys who could be strong back-up people," Middle Tennessee coach Boots Donnelly says. "This year we went into it looking for young guys who could be starters. Our cupboard has run dry."

Donnelly is never one for much optimism—Middle Tennessee again will challenge for the league title. However, Eastern Kentucky enters the season as the favorite, because it returns OVC offensive player of the year Markus Thomas, a running back who led the league in rushing, with 123 yards per game.

Most of the other OVC teams are bunched in a pack a step behind the two heavyweights. They'll all be improved this year, with Tennessee State having the best talent to contend. Tennessee State was rocked by the surprise resignation of head coach Joe Gilliam Sr. in late March, but he has since decided he will return after all.

The final official vote on Tennessee-Martin's admission to the OVC was scheduled for August, but barring a last-minute hitch, the vote was seen as a formality.

### 1991 Ohio Valley Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Eastern Kentucky | 7 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Mid. Tennessee St. | 6 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Austin Peay | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Morehead State | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| SE Missouri St. | 3 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Tennessee State | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Tennessee Tech | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Murray State | 1 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Tennessee-Martin* | — | — | — | 5 | 6 | 0 |

*Was not a member of the conference in 1991.

### 1 Eastern Kentucky

The Colonels got a bonus when quarterback Joey Crenshaw was awarded another season of eligibility after appealing to the NCAA. He threw for 925 yards in the regular season and will complement running back Markus Thomas in the backfield. To help those two operate, Eastern Kentucky must rebuild its offensive line.

A similar task awaits on defense—the Colonels lost seven All-OVC linemen on both sides of the ball. Defensive tackle Chad Bratzke does return, and he had 18 tackles for losses. Linebacker Ara Jackson had 103 total tackles. Also back for the Colonels is placekicker Todd Duffy, who had a string of 70 straight extra points snapped last year.

### 2 Middle Tennessee State

Sophomore Kelly Holcomb had an impressive debut season as the Blue Raiders QB, throwing only four interceptions while completing 62% of his passes for 1,763 yards. Star tailback Joe Campbell has finished his career, but Walter Dunson ran for 621 yards and should inherit the starting role. The Blue Raiders lost four of their five starting interior linemen on offense, returning only All-OVC tackle Steve McAdoo. Wide receiver Vince Parks and tight end Steve Dark also return after All-OVC seasons.

The defense missed being the league's stingiest by only four points and has seven starters back, including lineman Randy Houston, defensive end Mike Caldwell, and cornerback Jamie Redmond.

### 3 Tennessee State

Although the Tigers didn't know who their coach would be in early spring, Joe Gilliam Sr. has rescinded his resignation and will be back as head coach for the 1992 season. Quarterback James Wade (2,020 yards in nine games) and wide receiver Patrick Robinson (49 catches) make the offense work. The Tigers hope sophomore running backs Chad McCollam and Leo Eggleston Jr. have matured and will contribute more. Overall, the offense returns seven starters but must replace three linemen. The Tigers will rebuild around guard Marshun Middleton and tackle Robert Moorman.

Defensively, free safety Brent Alexander is the leading returning tackler, having compiled 82 takedowns a year ago. Cornerback Randy Fuller also is a returning starter. Punter Colin Godfrey (41.4-yard average) has led the league two straight seasons.

### 4 Morehead State

The Eagles return their major offensive weapon, Darrin Harris. Last year he led Morehead in rushing yards (896) and pass receiving (368). To give him help, Morehead coach Cole Proctor will consider option specialists Matt Bloemer and Jeremy Holbrook at quarterback. Incumbent Steve Donato is a dropback-style QB.

Tackles Tom Svobodny (330) and Glen Boykin join center Larry Maggard to make a solid core on the offensive line. The Eagles have an abundance of experienced linebackers, led by Fred Johnson. Lineman Richard Shadwick hopes to avoid injuries this year. Tyrone Fisher and Lawrence Gore lead the backfield.

### 5 Austin Peay State

The entire wishbone backfield returns for the Governors. Option quarterback Reggie Williams passed for 773 yards and rushed for 395. Fullback Jody Smith ran for 791. Jamie Spicer and Samy Hillman will be the other running backs.

The defense returns its leading tackler, linebacker Bunky Beasley, who had 105 last season, as well as fellow linebacker Richard Darden (77) and free safety Darius Willis. The Govs had the worst pass defense in the league, allowing 215 yards a game, so they hope for an improved secondary.

### 6 Southeast Missouri State

The Indians moved into the OVC from Division II last year and made a surprisingly strong showing while finishing in a three-way tie for third. It may be tough to duplicate that finish, because the rest of the league is better.

Nevertheless, Southeast Missouri hopes Jason Liley returns to his 1990 form (2,580 yards passing) after missing time with a knee injury last year and throwing for only 828 yards. Aaron Layton (43 catches) and Glenn Krupa (35) will provide good targets. The entire offensive line returns, led by center Brandon Norman.

Eight defensive starters return, including the entire linebacking unit and secondary. Linebacker Joe Divis was the leading tackler last year with 109. Free safety James Chinn led the OVC with six interceptions.

### 7 Tennessee-Martin

As a Division II school playing a I-AA schedule last year, Tennessee-Martin finished 5-6. It was 4-3 against OVC schools, which would have been good enough for third place if it had been a member of the league.

Coach Don McLeary must find a replacement for quarterback Leonard Williams (2,554 yards passing) in the one-back set that is much like a run-and-shoot. Two top receivers, Charles Malone (36 receptions) and Scott Stidham (21), are back. Defensive end Joe Keating (82 tackles) is a three-year starter, and linebacker Todd Shanks (90) is a vital cog.

### 8 Tennessee Tech

The Golden Eagles could be the darkhorse of the league. They return eight starters on defense and seven on offense. They also have six home games after having only four in 1991. Tech also signed two junior-college transfers, including Sean Rushing, to bolster the offensive line.

One of three quarterbacks who played last year, Damyen Taylor, was favored to emerge as the starter this season. Running back Willie Queen ran for only 568 yards, but he averaged 7.4 per carry. Defensive end Shane Queen (no relation to Willie) and linebacker Maurice Draine lead a defense that ranked third in the league. Placekicker Daniel Gipson, Second Team All-OVC in 1991, also is back.

### 9 Murray State

The biggest problem for the Racers could be a lack of depth, so avoiding injuries will be a key. Murray State will try to reshape its offensive line around senior tackle Marcus Perry.

The backfield returns quarterback Tremain Lewis (1,357 yards passing), as well as fullback Dave Cox (second-team All-OVC) and tailback Waynee McGowan. Inside linebacker Martin Diehl had 89 tackles last year as a true freshman. At outside linebacker, Melvin Aldridge had 76.

—BRUCE McLELLAN

# Division I-A Independents

And then there were 15—independents, that is. Actually, there is a new team in the dwindling ranks of Division I-A independents this season: Arkansas State, up from I-AA and coached by none other than Ray Perkins, formerly of the NFL and Division I-A.

Akron has departed to the Mid-American Conference, Florida State to the Atlantic Coast, and South Carolina to the Southeastern Conference. Next year Penn State begins play in the Big Ten. That will leave the independent ranks consisting of Notre Dame, which always goes its own way, and the unlucky 13.

### Arkansas State

This time Ray Perkins isn't following a legend.

Nine years after he succeeded the legendary Bear Bryant at Alabama, Perkins has resurfaced at somewhat smaller Arkansas State University (9,300 students), one of the NCAA Division I-A's two new members. This time Perkins isn't following the winningest coach in college football history. His predecessor, Al Kincaid, was 4-17-1 in two seasons. Last year's only victory was a 20-17 win over Division II Troy State. In three previous head coaching jobs, Perkins was 24-35 with the New York Giants, 32-15-1 at Alabama, and 19-41 with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"Ray gives us a chance to take a quicker route to where we went to be with this program," says Arkansas State athletic director Charley Thornton. "He provides a heightened visibility in football circles that we haven't had before."

Perkins' main chores are reshaping a defense that allowed 361 points, the most in 69 years, and finding a replacement for quarterback Roy Johnson, ASU's career total-offense king. "I am no savior," says Perkins, whose Indians will visit Oklahoma in their second game. "I am not a miracle worker. I am not a genius."

### 1991 Records of Division I-A Independents

| School | W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|
| East Carolina | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Penn State | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| Tulsa | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Notre Dame | 10 | 3 | 0 |
| Louisiana Tech | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Memphis State | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Army | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Cincinnati | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Southern Mississippi | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Southwestern Louisiana | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| Louisville | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Northern Illinois | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Arkansas State | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Navy | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Tulane | 1 | 10 | 0 |

East Carolina defeated N.C. State 37-34 in the Peach Bowl.
Penn State defeated Tennessee 42-17 in the Fiesta Bowl.
Tulsa defeated San Diego State 28-17 in the Freedom Bowl.
Notre Dame defeated Florida 39-28 in the Sugar Bowl.

### Army

Army's 1992 objectives are the opposite of last year—both spring and fall variety.

Bob Sutton's first campaign as a coach struck a landmine in his third game, when star wishbone quarterback Willie McMillian went down with a knee injury. The suddenly punchless Cadets dropped six of their last eight, including blowouts by Vanderbilt, Air Force, and Navy.

Sutton has 34 returning lettermen but only nine who started against Navy and just two on offense. Last year he had to rebuild the defense, and he did—only Vandy and Boston College scored more than three touchdowns. However, even a dramatic visit by Desert Storm hero Gen. Norman Schwartzkopf couldn't help the offense.

Junior Devin Hartfield, who played sparingly in five games, is the front-runner at QB but isn't in a class with McMillian or his successor, converted split end Myreon Williams. Mike Mackovec and Reggie Thomas were No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, on the depth chart as plebes when they were lost with preseason knee injuries.

The Cadets finished fourth nationally in rushing, with 292.9 yards per game. However, the top five ground-gainers have graduated, and the sixth, Chad Davis, skipped spring practice to run track. Army's stars are All-East free safety Mike McElrath (a team-leading 117 tackles), linebacker Kevin Czarnecki, offensive guard John Pirog, placekicker Patmon Malcom, and punter Todd Hawkins.

The schedule includes three Division I-AA teams, one of which, the Citadel, beat the Cadets last year.

### Cincinnati

After dropping its opener by a mere 81-0 to Penn State—the worst loss in school history—the 1991 Cincinnati Bearcats had nowhere to go but up, and they did. They wound up 4-7 after an 0-4 start—and this from a team that won only one game in each of coach Tim Murphy's first two seasons.

More reason for optimism is the return of eight starters on each side of the ball. Among the veterans are the leading rusher (tailback David Small, the school's first 1,000-yard runner since 1986), passer (Lance Harp, who threw for 1,443 yards in only seven games of significant action), and receiver (split end Marlon Pearce, 42 receptions for 758 yards), plus punter Jeff Blaylock.

The strength of the defense should be the linebacking corps. All four starters return, led by outside linebacker Nate Dingle, who had at least one tackle for a loss in each of the last eight games, and inside man Scott Brown, the top returning tackler. The rushing defense, which went from last in the nation in 1990 to 47th last year, also returns two of three down linemen. There are, however, a couple of vacancies in the secondary.

In addition to Harp, the offense boasts Paul Anderson, who set freshman passing records in 1990 but struggled with injuries a year ago. The offensive line could be a question mark, with a trio of four-year regulars gone. It will be restructured around 292-pound center Jamie Crysdale, a three-year starter. To replace placekicker David Rowe, the leading scorer the last two years, the Bearcats have Chad Volland, the team's top scorer in 1989.

**Mirer and Notre Dame have one thing on their minds: a national title for the Irish.**

A word of caution: The first opponent is none other than Penn State.

### East Carolina

Quarterback Jeff Blake, who broke 32 school records and finished seventh in the Heisman Trophy voting—gone!

Robert Jones, a consensus All-American and one of three finalists for the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker—gone!

Bill Lewis, voted coach of the year by his peers in the American Football Coaches Association—gone!

Gone—but hardly forgotten—after an 11-1 campaign, the most wins in the school's history; a dramatic 37-34 come-from-behind fourth-quarter victory over North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl; and a highest-ever No. 9 national ranking. The new head man is 39-year-old Steve Logan, who coordinated the Pirates' record-breaking offense the last two years. He has six new assistants and 50 lettermen, including four starters on offense, eight on defense, and placekicker Anthony Brenner.

At quarterback, the coaches are ecstatic over 6-4, 226-pound rifle-armed sophomore Michael Anderson. Cedric Van Buren is ECU's workhorse running back, but the top three receivers are gone, along with three members of the offensive line, which will be rebuilt around all-star tackle Tom Scott, who goes 6-7 and 338 pounds.

The main defensive problem is replacing Jones at inside linebacker. The outside spots feature big-play people in Jerry Dillon and Bernard Carter, and the secondary returns three of four starters, led by All-America-caliber free safety Greg Grandison.

"We played a lot of young players last year in critical situations," Logan says. "Everywhere I look we have some experience coming back."

Also coming back is Syracuse, a 1991 victim, for the '92 opener. That test will indicate whether Cinderella still lives.

### Louisiana Tech

Willie Nelson didn't write "On the Road Again" about Louisiana Tech's football team, but he could have. The Bulldogs have played 21 of their last 33 games on the road, and seven of this year's 11 are away from home: Baylor, Southern Mississippi, Alabama, Fresno State, South Carolina, Mississippi, and West Virginia.

"This is the price you pay when you begin on the kind of journey this program is now on," says coach Joe Raymond Peace, whose Bulldogs have become road warriors since moving up to Division I-A three years ago. They've lost just once in their last eight road games and are 7-5-2 away from home since midway through the 1989 season.

In case you missed it, Louisiana Tech was unbeaten (8-0-2) in its last 10 games a year ago after being blown away by Houston 73-3. No one else scored more than 17 points, but the Bulldogs didn't qualify for a bowl because four victories came against I-AA teams.

Tech returns 43 lettermen, including eight starters on offense, six on defense, and both kickers. Sam Hughes, all 6-4 and 230 pounds of him, should step in nicely at quarterback. When he doesn't feel like throwing the ball—and 13 of the 14 receivers who caught passes last year are back—he can hand off to Jason Davis (1,351 yards in 10 games as the nation's No. 4 rusher) or back-up Jason Cooper (830 yards). Up front, tackle Willie Roaf is a load at 290 pounds.

Linebacker Myron Baker and tackle Artie Smith are the defensive headliners.

### Louisville

"From the sublime to the ridiculous." "From riches to rags." "From the penthouse to the outhouse." "Too much too soon." You can apply any of those clichés to Louisville's what-a-difference-a-year-makes-in-reverse 1991 season.

On the heels of the best record in school history—10-1-1, capped by a 34-7 wipeout of Alabama in the Fiesta Bowl—the Cardinals plummeted last year, losing their last seven games. Things couldn't have been worse had someone put stinkweed in coach Howard Schnellenberger's ever-present pipe.

It didn't help when quarterback Jeff Brohm suffered a broken leg in the second game. Brohm was one of 16 starters who missed a total of 33 games, up from 3 and 12, respectively, in 1990. What a difference a year makes!

Brohm is one of 39 returning lettermen, including six starters on offense and seven on defense, to what one insider describes as "Schnellenberger's type of squad"—i.e., plenty of speed with which to flood opposing defenses in his pro passing attack. Unfortunately, while mobile and elusive, Brohm has only an average arm.

Brohm's brother, split end Greg, has the best hands on the team, and running back Ralph Dawkins will start for the third straight year after leading the Cards in rushing and receiving in 1990 and '91. The front line, which lost three starters, will be bolstered by two transfers from the now-defunct Long Beach State football program.

The Cards play an aggressive, swarming, pursuing style of defense. Free safety Ray Buchanan, who tied for fourth nationally with eight interceptions, can make a difference all by himself, but kicker-punter Klaus Wilmsmeyer, who also could do that, is gone.

The schedule includes trips to Ohio State, Arizona State, Florida, Texas A&M, and Pitt, plus a visit by Syracuse. This year may not make any difference at all.

### Memphis State

Shhh! Don't tell anyone, but Memphis State thinks it can be this year's East Carolina.

In case you have a short memory, East Carolina was the Cinderella team of 1991, soaring from a 5-6 record in 1990 to 11-1 and a No. 9 national ranking. Memphis State finished 5-6 in '91, beating Southern Cal and Mississippi State and losing by a touchdown or less to East Carolina—an omen?—Tulsa, and Alabama, all bowl teams.

Guess who returns a whopping 51 of 62 lettermen, 29 of them seniors? Guess who returns eight starters on offense and all 11 on defense? Guess who signed a hotshot junior-college quarterback to replace record-setting Keith Benton?

Steve Matthews passed for 1,535 yards and 12 touchdowns at Harper Junior College in Illinois after spending two years at Tennessee. The top three rushers—Larry Porter, Xavier Crawford, and Leon Bosby—are back, along with most of the receivers and offensive linemen.

Nose guard Chrris Hobbs, linebacker Danton Barto, and cornerback Dominic Calloway lead a defensive unit that held Southern Cal to 10 points and limited Louisville to eight yards on the ground. Also back are four starting defensive ends—Jeff Sawyer, Chris Graham, Bobby Avery, and Kevin Jordan (1990).

Coach Chuck Stobart's Tigers sport a couple of veteran legs in kicker Joe Allison and punter Jeff Buffaloe. The only drawback may be a schedule that again includes four Southeastern Conference teams. The Tigers lost three of four to the SEC last year.

### Navy

Can a 1-10 season be considered a success? It's all relative. For example, Navy lost its first 10 games in 1991, then trounced archrival Army 24-3.

The reality, however, is that Navy did indeed lose 10 of 11 games. Accordingly, coach George Chaump went back to the drawing board. He overhauled his defensive staff and switched from a 3-4 to a 4-2 front with two linebackers and a five-deep secondary that includes an anchor back—i.e., half-linebacker, half-defensive back.

For the first time in his three years at Navy, Chaump will have an experienced throwing quarterback. Sophomore Jim Kubiak completed 94 of 154 passes for 957 yards in his five starts. Five of the six receivers return, led by Tom Pritchard, who caught 35 balls as a freshman in 1991.

The running-back situation is the best since the Napoleon McCallum era of the mid-1980s. Leading rusher Jason Van Matre, who piled up 544 yards while alternating between quarterback and tailback, will stick to tailback, and Brad Stramanak is a bruising 234-pound fullback. The offensive line returns standout Steve Palmer at center and a pair of 6-7 tackles in Max Lane and Blair Sokol.

The defense will look for leadership to All-East tackle Bob Kuberski and free safety Chad Chatlos, who may be the anchor back. He led the Midshipmen with 106 tackles and five interceptions.

Placekicker Tim Rogers returns, but punter Tom Frosch does not. The schedule, which includes Virginia, North Carolina, Air Force, and Notre Dame, is still too tough.

### Northern Illinois

Northeastern Oklahoma was good enough for Charlie Sadler, and it was good enough for Scott Crabtree. The names may be similar, but the schools are different.

The explanation is simple. Sadler lettered at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in 1970-71 as an inside linebacker. And last winter, after a 2-9 debut as Northern Illinois' coach—both wins were against Division I-AA teams—he hit the junior-college recruiting trail and came home with 10 transfers, including quarterback Crabtree from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, a two-year school and the No. 1 junior-college team in the nation last year.

Crabtree, A&M's all-time passing leader with 2,745 yards, completed 91 of 166 last year for 1,708 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also rushed for five TDs. He joins 39 returning lettermen, including nine starters on offense and eight on defense.

Among the holdovers are quarterbacks Stacey McKinney and Rob Rugai, who combined for only 1,023 passing yards and six touchdowns. Among the losses was fullback Adam Dach, the Huskies' third leading career rusher, and both kickers. Every player who caught a pass last year returns, headed by wideouts Larry Wynn and William Patrick and tight end Raymond Roberts.

If you think Sadler had a tough year, his predecessor, Jerry Pettibone, went 1-10 at Oregon State.

### Notre Dame

A lot of people are surprised that Lou Holtz is still coaching at Notre Dame. Wasn't he supposed to be headed for the Minnesota Vikings? After all, he coached the New York Jets to a glittering 3-11 record in 1976 in his only NFL shot.

Holtz hasn't publicly said "I told you so," but you know what? He told us so. Here's what Holtz had to say following a 35-13 drubbing by Penn State last November: "After that performance, there's no way I would leave. All I want to do is get the thing rectified at Notre Dame. I plan on finishing my coaching career at the University of Notre Dame. I don't plan on going to the NFL. I don't plan on going anywhere.

"I want to finish out my coaching career here, whether that's a year, or two years, or five years. I don't plan on coaching anywhere else, and you can put that sucker in granite. The job is not done here at Notre Dame. It's a transition year, but we plan on bringing Notre Dame to even greater heights than it has ever been before."

If few others did, Notre Dame took the long-

winded Holtz at his word and signed him to a new five-year contract. The rest of the staff, however, underwent quite a shakeup, and five of Holtz's eight full-time assistants are new. The Irish are 51-11 over the last five seasons and return 42 of 55 lettermen and 16 starters—six on offense, 10 on defense, and placekicker-punter Craig Hentrich.

Headlining the offense are record-setting quarterback Rick Mirer; fullback Jerome Bettis, the 1991 rushing leader; tackle Justin Hall; guards Lindsay Knapp and Aaron Taylor; and flanker Lake Dawson. In addition, there's an experienced replacement at every vacant position.

If there is a question mark on offense it's at tailback, where the departure of Rodney Culver and Tony Brooks leaves Reggie Brooks, Tony's brother, as the sole letterman. However, Willie Clark is expected back at tailback after starting in the secondary the final two-thirds of last season.

Primarily because of injuries, 23 different players started on defense last year, and 19 of them are back. The top names are linebacker Demetrius DuBose, who led the Irish with 127 tackles; end Devon McDonald, the only member of the front seven to start every game; tackle Bryant Young; cornerback Tom Carter; and free safety Jeff Burris.

In a nice little scheduling touch, Notre Dame will open with "mighty" Northwestern for the next four years. Go get 'em, Lou.

### Penn State

Penn State's Nittany Lions are heading for the last roundup. Beginning in 1993, the long-time Beast of the East (three straight Lambert-Meadowlands Trophies and 17 in the last 25 years) will try to become the Best of the Midwest, or at least of the Big Ten.

For his 27th season at the helm—Penn State's last as an independent—coach Joe Paterno has 40 lettermen, including a dozen regulars (five on offense and seven on defense, plus placekicker Craig Fayak) from an outfit that finished No. 3 in the nation. "We have played good football the last two years," Paterno says. "I hope we are not going to change too much. I hope we don't have to change."

One place Paterno will have to change is at quarterback, where record-breaking Tony Sacca is gone. Sophomore Kerry Collins, the principal back-up, will be challenged by John Sacca, Tony's kid brother, and Dan White, son of onetime Penn State quarterback Jack White.

"Collins is not very much different from Sacca [they're both 6-5, 220]," Paterno says. "He is not quite as fast as Tony, but he is the same kind of kid with a big, strong arm. He has a chance to develop slowly without having all of that pressure on him."

The offense also will be without record-setting wideout Terry Smith. However, O.J. McDuffie, who caught 46 passes for 790 yards and was the offensive MVP in the 42-17 Fiesta Bowl rout of Tennessee, is back. Tailback Richie Anderson came on with a rush—that's no pun, folks—at the end of the season, finishing with 779 yards and 10 touchdowns. The offensive line returns center Greg Huntington, guard John Gerak, and tackle Todd Burger.

The 11 defensive lettermen who departed included some of the more distinguished members of a unit that ranked among the top 10 nationally in all major categories. Returning outside linebackers Reggie Givens, the Fiesta Bowl defensive MVP, and Rich McKenzie, plus down linemen Lou Benfatti, Tyoka Jackson, and Eric Ravotti, provide experience up front. In the secondary, cornerback Derek Bochna and free safety Lee Rubin are prime-time players. The key is finding replacements for inside linebackers Mark D'Onofrio and Keith Goganious, who made 217 and 156 career tackles, respectively.

### Southern Mississippi

Talk about rebuilding jobs. A year ago, hopes were high at Southern Mississippi, which had 16 starters back for Jeff Bower's first year as coach. However, the Golden Eagles lost their last four games and wound up 4-7, although they did win at Auburn for the second year in a row.

For 1992 Bower has only four returning starters: quarterback Tommy Waters, tight end Marcus Pope, and flanker Greg Reed on offense, plus end James Singleton on defense. The good news is that there are 34 returning lettermen, and the spring roster included 17 seniors and 30 juniors, so there is some experience. The main tasks are replacing tailback Tony Smith, the entire interior offensive line, and 10 of 11 starters on defense.

Michael Welch, the heir apparent to Smith, rushed for 308 yards and led the Golden Eagles in scoring with nine touchdowns. Waters, who inherited the unenviable task of replacing Brett Favre, completed 135 of 250 passes for 1,563 yards but only six touchdowns. Reed was the leading receiver, with 23 catches for 434 yards.

Singleton was the eighth-leading tackler last season, and back-up linebacker Tyrone Nix is the only other returnee to rank among the top 12.

Placekicker Lance Nations returns. However, he was only four-for-eight on field goal tries and made just one of three between 30 and 39 yards.

### Southwestern Louisiana

The good news is that Southwestern Louisiana returns its top two quarterbacks, top eight rushers, and top four receivers. The bad news is that the 1991 team (1) scored only 13.5 points per game, (2) managed more than two touchdowns only once, (3) averaged under 300 yards in total offense for the first time since 1985, (4) had nobody who rushed for 500 yards, and (5) saw its leading passer throw for only 502 yards. The result was an 0-7 start and 2-8-1 finish, the fewest wins since 1981. That prompted coach Nelson Stokley to switch from a pro-I to a more diverse attack that will emphasize the option but will include an H-back.

Junior Tyjuan Hayes, who led the Ragin' Cajuns in rushing, with 445 yards, and in passing, split most of the signal-calling duties with sophomore Reggie Hayes (no relation) as four different players started at quarterback. Reggie started the last four games. Steve Mocek, Greg Laxey, Damon Denaburg, and Reginald Francois are capable runners, but Stokley wants the ball in the hands of senior wideout Wayde Butler, whose 121 career receptions is a school record.

Only one full-time starter returns up front, but it's just the opposite on defense, where nine regulars are back, led by three seniors—6-6, 299-pound tackle James Atkins, 253-pound outside linebacker William Sims, and inside linebacker Terrance Ross, the team's leading tackler. "We think we're going to have an outstanding defensive team," Stokley says. "If we can stay healthy it could be an exceptional unit."

Both kickers return, and they'll probably be needed for a schedule that includes trips to Tennessee, Houston, and Auburn.

### Tulane

Tulane University has another main man. Er, make that a "Maine" man. On May 28, 1991, Tulane hired Maine's Kevin White as its new athletic director. On December 3, White hired Dartmouth's Buddy Teevens as the 36th coach in the Green Wave's 98-year football history. Not much continuity there. Before winning two Ivy League championships in five years at Dartmouth, Teevens led Maine to winning seasons in 1985-86 for the first time in 21 years.

It won't be that easy at Tulane, which hasn't had a winning record since 1981. Teevens does inherit 45 lettermen from 1991, including eight starters on each side of the ball, and wide receiver Jerry Ursin and running back Terrance Strickland, both of whom missed the entire season after starting the previous year. Teevens will install a wide-open offense and switch to a 5-0 defense, with Reggie Davis, a starting offensive guard in 1991, moving to the newly created nose guard position.

The list of returning starters on offense includes wideout Wilbert Ursin, Jerry's cousin, who caught 70 balls for 989 yards and nine touchdowns, and Chance Miller, who led the Green Wave in rushing, with 580 yards. Billy Duncan, a part-time starter at quarterback, will be challenged by junior-college transfer Shawn Meadows.

On defense the holdovers include safeties Mike Staid and Mark Thornhill and ends Darren McGowan and Michael Batiste. Both specialists return: placekicker Gary Butler and Chip Clark, the first Tulane punter in nine years to average 40 yards.

A weird schedule has Tulane on the road for three games, home for five, then away for three more.

### Tulsa

Miami isn't the only college football venue with a Hurricane warning.

Would you believe Tulsa? The Tulsa Golden Hurricane, a national power in the 1940s and early 1960s, rejoined the elite last year with a 10-2 record—including a 35-34 shocker over Texas A&M—and a No. 21 ranking. The word is that 1992 could bring more of the same.

David Rader, a rising star on the coaching scene, returns 45 lettermen, including six starters on offense, seven on defense, and both kickers—Eric Lange for placements, Gus Frerotte for punts. Frerotte, a 6-4, 220-pound junior, also will be the quarterback, replacing record-setting T.J. Rubley. When Rubley was sidelined for most of 1990, Frerotte stepped in and threw for 1,066 yards and five touchdowns.

Tulsa also lost leading rusher Chris Hughley (1,326 yards) to an early pro career, but Ron Jackson rushed for 674 yards and added 211 and a record four touchdowns in the Freedom Bowl victory over San Diego State. Four of the top six receivers are back, led by wideout Chris Penn. Up front, Mark Govi, who switches from tackle to replace All-America guard Jerry Ostroski, is the best of three returning regulars.

Three starters also return to the defensive line as well as the secondary. The team's best defender is linebacker Barry Minter.

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# Division I-AA Independents

While conference coaches would hate to admit it, the power in Division I-AA football lies with its independents. For the past three seasons and in five of the last seven years independents have emerged to win the division's national championship. But the real litmus test comes in head-to-head competition. For two straight years no independent has been beaten by a conference team in the playoffs.

"You just have a bunch of strong schools. You could go right down the line," says Samford coach Terry Bowden.

"Youngstown's strong. James Madison can play. Central Florida always has a good team. Liberty, William & Mary, you name them. Georgia Southern? They invented national championships. Who am I forgetting?"

One strong squad Bowden forgot was Samford, possibly the best of them all. Here are the rankings for the I-AA independents.

## 1 Samford

Terry Bowden's plan was a year ahead of schedule. Bowden thought it would take five years to make the Bulldogs competitive after the school upgraded the program from Division III in 1988, but in his fourth year the Bulldogs went to the I-AA semifinals before losing to eventual champion Youngstown State. Now the trick is to stay among the division's elite.

Junior quarterback Ben Wiggins is back after throwing for 3,063 yards and 18 touchdowns. Tight end Brian Fisher is the leading returning pass receiver. Fisher caught 42 passes for 458 yards a year ago. A wideout to watch for is Ed Smith. The ground attack again will be led by tailback Surkano (Tank) Edwards, who gained 1,102 yards and scored 14 touchdowns last season.

Defensively, Henry Thomas and Tory James, both linebackers, tackle everything in sight. Thomas recorded 173 stops last year, while James had 166. Outside linebacker Ollie Sanders tallied 11 sacks.

In the secondary, Marcus Durgin (eight interceptions) was a Third Team AP All-American. Steady kicker Michael O'Neal (16 of 22 field goals) is back as well.

**Division I-AA Independents**
**1991 Final**
**Regular-Season Records**

| School | W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|
| Samford | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Youngstown State | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| James Madison | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Georgia Southern | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Central Florida | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| William & Mary | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Troy State | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Liberty | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Northeastern | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Towson State | 1 | 10 | 0 |

Youngstown State's Smith [25] is one Penguin who can fly—through and over tacklers.

## 2 Youngstown State

The Penguins may never have envisioned making the playoffs after recording a 4-3 mark to start the season. They also may never have expected to win a I-AA national championship after falling behind 17-6 in the fourth quarter against Marshall.

Both times, however, Youngstown State handled adversity smoothly. YSU won its first title for coach Jim Tressel by reeling off an eight-game winning streak. To win that title game the Pens outscored Marshall 19-0 in the fourth quarter.

The return of a solid running game should keep the Youngstown among the division's best. Junior halfback Tamron Smith finished with 1,545 yards and undoubtedly will assume the role of workhorse again this season.

Quarterback Ray Isaac finished his eligibility, so untested Nick Cochran takes over. Cochran threw only 27 passes last season, completing 14 for 213 yards. He has two dependable receivers back. Herb Williams, a senior, caught 29 passes for a team-high 491 yards. Trent Boykin had 24 catches for 380 yards.

Senior tackle Chris Vecchione is the team's leading returning tackler with 101. In the secondary, Dave Roberts and Malcolm Everette may be the best pair of safeties in the division.

Junior kicker Jeff Wilkins hit 16 of 27 field goals last season.

## 3 Georgia Southern

For the first time in a half-dozen years the Eagles spent Thanksgiving away from the football field. A 7-4 record, albeit with one of the toughest schedules in the division, wasn't good enough to make the playoffs. So the four-time I-AA champions begin anew in their quest to join the elite of the division.

It won't be easy with nine defensive starters gone, but don't feel sorry for Georgia Southern. In its last year as an independent before joining the Southern Conference, GSU has a favorable schedule. The Eagles play eight games at cozy Paulson Stadium where they have accumulated a 55-3 record. Four of their 1992 contests are against Division II competition.

Georgia Southern may just be in an offensive mood this season. The team returns quarterbacks Charles Bostick, a sophomore, and Derrick McGrady, a senior. But don't be surprised if University of Georgia transfer Joe DuPree, a skilled runner, eventually wins the right to engineer the potent flexbone option offense. Senior tackle Rex Nottage anchors an offensive line that returns intact, and wideout Terrance Sorrell (24 receptions for 409 yards) will be a key whenever the Eagles look to the air.

While the defense has thinned, it hasn't been totally depleted of talent. Junior tackle Alex Mash returns as the anchor. Last season he registered a team-leading seven sacks and 17 tackles for losses. Linebackers Darius Dawson and Nick Davis have seen considerable action in the past two years, and Paul Carroll has shown flashes of brilliance.

Don Hudson, a slotback last season, has been moved back to a defensive secondary that lost all four starters from a year ago. Two years ago Hudson played safety as a reserve.

## 4 James Madison

The Dukes finally packed a wallop under first-year coach Rip Scherer. For the first time since 1987, James Madison advanced to the division playoffs. Can JMU improve on a 9-4 record and its quarterfinals appearance?

The return of the one-two punch of quarterback Eriq Williams and tailback Kenny Sims in an offense that averaged 31.8 points a game is key. Williams, a Third Team AP All-America pick, was ranked second in pass efficiency in the division. After throwing just two touchdown passes in 1990 he struck for 21 TD tosses and 2,141 yards in '91. Williams also ran for another 648 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Sims, a senior, had a school-record five straight 100-yard games en route to 1,459 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns. Junior David McLeod (34 catches for 679 yards) is the leading returning wide receiver.

The usually reliable defense was porous last season. James Madison won six games despite allowing 28 or more points, but this season there are holes to fill. Cornerback Don Phelps, a senior, is the leading returning tackler. Sophomore tackle Tyrone Washington and sophomore linebacker Clint Dunn will be keys on the inside.

## 5 Central Florida

After advancing to the Final Four of the division's playoffs in 1990, the Knights found little solace in recording a 6-5 mark in just their second year in I-AA football. Central Florida touts plenty of returning talent. The best of the bunch is senior tailback Willie English, who placed third in the division in rushing, with 1,338 yards on the ground. He also scored 13 touchdowns.

In recent years the Knights' problem has been finding a consistent quarterback. Central Florida is placing its hopes on sophomore Darrin Hinshaw to take the reigns at the position and end the shuffling madness. Last season, Hinshaw started four games, throwing for 1,049 yards and eight touchdowns.

The receiving corps is a good one. Bret Cooper (42 catches, 668 yards, and 8 TDs), Mike Dickinson (42 catches, 571 yards), and David Rhodes (22 catches, 382 yards) return.

Linebacker Rick Hamilton is the mainstay of the defense. A year ago he registered 139 tackles, three sacks, and six tackles for losses. Cornerback Steve Wright, a sophomore (four interceptions last season), leads the secondary. Franco Grilla (13 of 21 field goals) is a dependable kicker.

## 6 Liberty University

Last year's promising season began poorly and went downhill from there for Liberty. Now coach Sam Rutigliano begins to rebuild from the rubble of a 4-7 record.

At least he's not starting from scratch. Quarterback Robbie Justino, a senior, returns as one of the division's most prolific passers. Justino threw for more than 3,000 yards as a sophomore and added 3,176 yards last year.

The leading returning receiver is David Beezer (28 receptions for 481 yards). Junior Dion Cook, who missed most of the season because of a stress fracture, is expected to start on the other side.

Dwayne Carswell and Scott Thomas will be keys when Liberty goes to the ground attack. Carswell (435 yards, five touchdowns) is the leading ball carrier from 1991. Thomas, only 5-6 and 165 pounds, had 300 yards a year ago, and in 1989 he led the nation in kickoff returns. On the offensive line, tackle Roosevelt Nivens (6-5, 285), center Bryant Bowden (6-2, 275), and guard Eric Augenrith (6-3, 245) give the Flames good size.

Defensively, Mick Mulcuck and Kevin Lockwood anchor the line. Junior cornerback Wesley McConnell (five interceptions, two fumble recoveries) is usually around the ball.

## 7 Troy State

While just about everyone in the division loses scholarships (maximum scholarships drop from 70 to 63 this season), the Trojans, who end their two-year compliance period entering I-AA, finally have boosted football grants to the maximum. The addition of more scholarship players should mean added depth, and that depth should translate into fewer blown second-half leads. Troy, only 5-6 a year ago, led at halftime in 10 of its games. The Trojans lost five games by eight points or less and three games by three points or less.

Second-year coach Larry Blakeney has some of his top skill players returning. Tailback Eddie Coleman and fullback David McCombs combined for 1,381 yards from the I-formation. Quarterback Brad Stevens, a junior, passed for 1,013 yards. Speedy receiver William Covington caught 26 passes for 393 yards and three touchdowns.

Defensively, Charles Bush, a linebacker, had a team-leading 128 tackles. Lineman Antjuan Marsh registered nine sacks. Kicker Matt Stone made 13 of 18 field goal attempts last season.

## 8 William & Mary

The search for offense takes precedence for the Tribe this season. Gone are the big guns, quarterback Chris Hakel and tailback Robert Green, but William & Mary brings back 15 starters from a 5-6 squad of a year ago, so sharing the offensive load may be the solution.

Senior Todd Durkin and junior Shawn Knight will battle for the quarterback position. James Blocker-Bodley and Scott Wingfield may inherit tailback and fullback chores, respectively. Wideout Corey Ludwig (834 receiving yards last season) and sophomore Terry Hammons (343) are proven threats in the secondary.

There's some experience on the defensive side of the ball. Cornerback Palmer Scaritt had five interceptions last season, and safety Rich Allaway had 83 tackles. Senior Eric Lambert, a starter two years ago, will be back in the secondary after missing all but three games last fall.

## 9 Northeastern

Improvement came quickly for the Huskies under first-year coach Barry Gallup. After posting one win in 1990 Northeastern had four by midseason last year. But an 18-14 defeat to playoff-bound New Hampshire began a season-ending five-game slide. Northeastern's goal for this season is to get past the .500 mark for the first time since 1987.

Among Gallup's first changes were scrapping the Huskies' traditional wishbone offense and installing a more balanced attack. Quarterback Ralph Barone executed the plan well, setting a school record with 1,899 passing yards last season.

Big-play wideout Jeremy Gobeil will be back, along with steady senior Branden Tsetsilas. Gobeil, a junior, caught 22 passes for 414 yards and eight touchdowns. Tsetsilas led the squad with 30 receptions for 434 yards. Tailback Tony Morgan (292 yards) returns to help the ground game.

Defensively, linebacker David Atwood, the team's leading tackler with 76 stops last season, is back. Junior strong safety Mark Salisbury (53 tackles and six interceptions) is a key in the secondary. Senior tackle Joe Griesbaum anchors the line.

## 10 Towson State

It may seem strange, but the Tigers cut their win production in half yet showed marked improvement. Towson State won only one game a year ago, but it was competitive in several others. The Tigers lost three games by six points or less and even gave eventual I-AA champion Youngstown State a tussle before falling 27-17. This season, under first-year coach Gordy Combs, improvement may be reflected in the win column.

The offense soared in the second half of the season under quarterback Dan Crowley. The sophomore started the final five games and finished the season passing for 1,783 yards and 16 touchdowns. The Huskies averaged 27 points per game during the last six games.

Towson, using three and sometimes four receivers, kept the offense spread out. This season all four top receivers are back, led by senior Kevin Howard (48 catches, 613 yards, 9 TDs) and junior Mark Orlando (44 catches, 686 yards, 3 TDs).

Sophomore Brian McCarty returns in the backfield. He finished with 496 rushing yards, including a 136-yard game against James Madison.

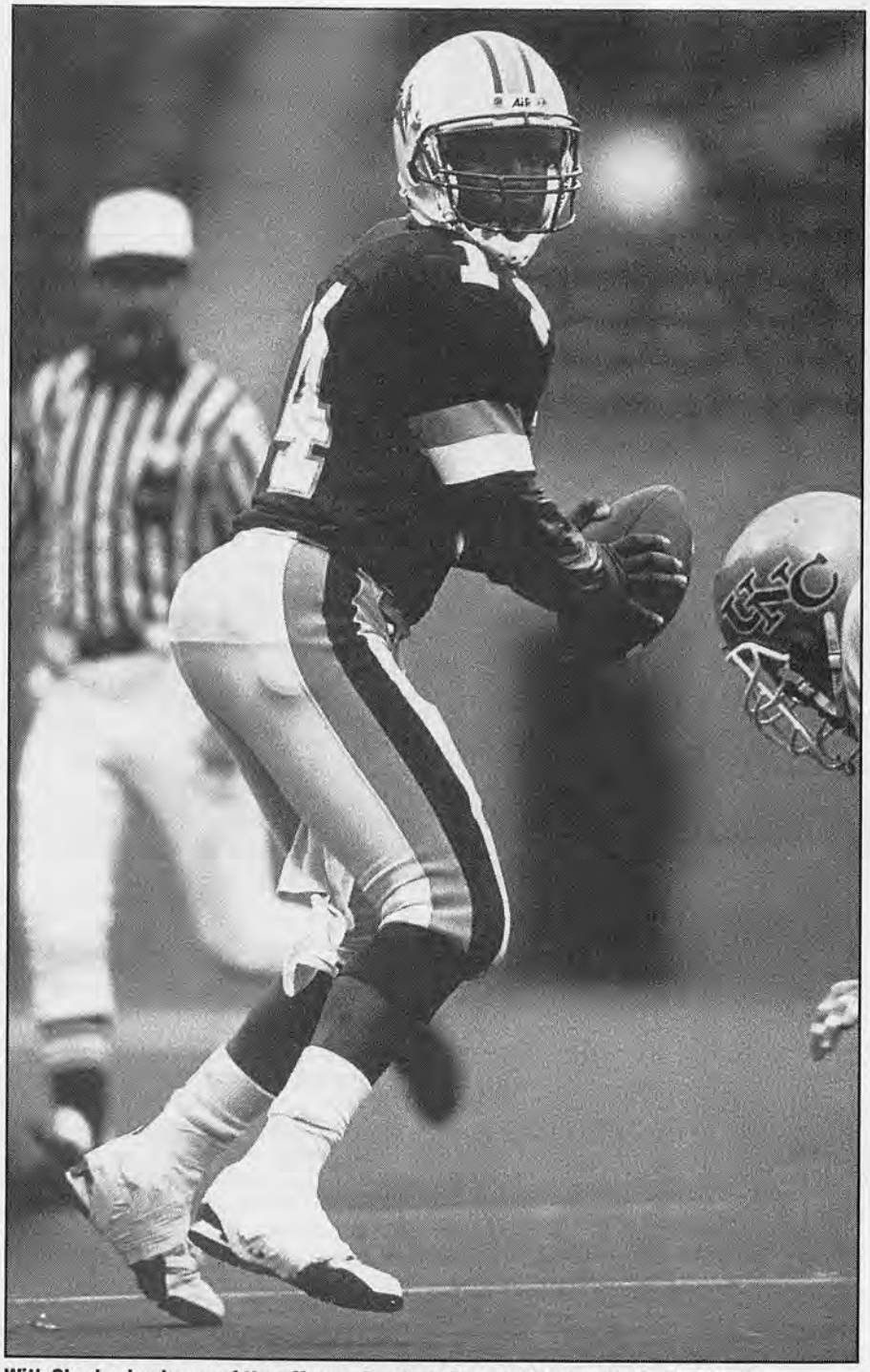
However, the Tigers were virtually defenseless when it came to stopping the opposition. They allowed 34.4 points a game, and five teams scored 46 or more points.

Linebackers Joe Kreisher, a senior, and Mike Arbutina, a sophomore, are the leading tacklers returning. Linemen Bill Fisher and Mike Curcio (four sacks apiece) are back, along with free safety Aaron Bates (three interceptions). —DON HEATH

# Division II Top 20

## Preseason Top 20

1. Portland State (Ore.)
2. Jacksonville State (Ala.)
3. Texas A&I
4. North Dakota State
5. Wofford (S.C.)
6. North Dakota
7. Butler (Ind.)
8. Northern Colorado
9. Indiana (Pa.)
10. Pittsburg State (Kan.)
11. Virginia Union
12. Ashland (Ohio)
13. Eastern New Mexico
14. East Stroudsburg (Pa.)
15. Mississippi College
16. Edinboro (Pa.)
17. California-Davis
18. Grand Valley State (Mich.)
19. Sonoma State (Calif.)
20. Angelo State (Texas)



**With Charles in charge of the offense, Portland State is the favorite in Division II.**

For the second year in a row, PSU will reign in Division II—but it won't be Pittsburg State hoisting the championship trophy at the close of the 1992 season. Another PSU with a rich football tradition—Portland State—will dethrone the Gorillas behind a veteran defense and perhaps the most explosive offense in the land.

The Vikings (11-3) reeled off a school-record 10 consecutive victories last season before bowing to Pitt State in the NCAA semifinals. Come December, PSU—the one based in Oregon—could well make its third championship-game appearance since 1987, and finally win it all.

### 1 Portland State

Coach Pokey Allen's Vikings should sail far this fall with Charles in charge. Quarterback John Charles threw for 3,527 yards and 41 touchdowns last year and completed 60.7% of his attempts. The former California junior-college standout passed for eight TDs and a Division II-record 592 yards in PSU's regular-season finale.

Halfback Rodney Clemente (1,027 yards rushing), tight end Mike Palomino (36 receptions, 10 TDs), and wide receiver Henry Newson (30 catches, 31-yard average gain) should also give foes fits. Eight starters return on defense, including linebackers Rick Cruz (123 tackles, 7½ sacks) and Greg Lupfer (104 tackles).

### 2 Jacksonville State

Coach Bill Burgess welcomes back 42 lettermen from a team that won the Gulf South Conference and finished 12-1, the lone blemish being a title-game loss to Pitt State. Linebacker Ja'Karl Bennett (117 tackles), end Wendell Kelley (96 tackles), and cornerback Carlos Shepard (four interceptions) return from a defense that ranked third nationally in points allowed (8.7 per game).

Halfback Danny Lee (587 yards rushing, 8.2 per carry) fuels the Gamecocks' wishbone attack. He also averaged 17.6 on punt returns (third in Division II) and 28.5 on kickoff returns.

### 3 Texas A&I

After missing the playoffs the last two years the Javelinas are poised to rebound with a veteran team. A&I lost only five lettermen from a squad that finished 7-3.

Three Lone Star Conference all-stars—linebacker John Stevens (95 tackles) and defensive backs Bryant Brinkley (five interceptions) and Keith Pittman (four)—return from a defense that ranked sixth nationally in yards allowed and seventh in points permitted. Nine starters, including quarterback Joe Menchaca, are back on offense.

### 4 North Dakota State

The North Central Conference champions (7-3) ended the 1991 season on a sour note, losing at home to NCC rival Mankato State in the first round of the playoffs. NDSU's season should last longer this time around.

Coach Rocky Hager, 49-10-1 in his five years at the helm, will count on 16 returning starters to boost the Bison back into the national title picture.

Quarterback Arden Beachy, who rushed for a team-high 613 yards and 11 touchdowns last season, will again operate NDSU's vaunted veer attack. Free safety Erik Hegerle (94 tackles), nose guard Shawn Stewart, and linebacker Steve Hansen will spearhead the defensive charge.

## 5 Wofford

The Terriers (9-3), who bowed out early in the playoffs the last two years, will show more bite than bark this season. A total of 51 lettermen return, including 10 starters on offense and nine on defense.

Quarterback Shawn Graves, small in stature (5-8, 160) but huge in impact, should continue his assault on the NCAA record book and again challenge for the Harlon Hill Trophy (he finished third in the 1991 voting). Graves rushed for 20 touchdowns and 1,331 yards last season, pushing his career total to 4,138, the NCAA mark for a quarterback from any division.

## 6 North Dakota

All-America running back Shannon Burnell and 11 defensive starters return from a Sioux squad that finished 7-2, with both setbacks coming on the road in the final minute to eventual playoff teams.

Burnell finished fourth nationally in rushing average (162.3 yards per game) and scored 14 touchdowns a year ago as a sophomore. All-North Central Conference linebacker Craig Killer (89 tackles) and nose guard Monte Shaide will anchor a defensive unit that surrendered only 14.6 points per game last season.

## 7 Butler

First-year coach Ken Larose is counting on 18 returning starters to build on last year's success. The Bulldogs won the championship of the newly formed Midwest Intercollegiate Conference, made the playoffs, and finished 9-2.

Linebacker Kevin Johnson (150 tackles) and nose guard Steve Rashevich (eight sacks) are back from the stingiest defense in the nation (7.1 points per game). The offense will revolve around tailback Kevin Kimble, who rushed for 1,175 yards and 10 touchdowns.

## 8 Northern Colorado

The Bears (8-3) come off their best North Central Conference finish since 1981 (second place) by welcoming back two of the NCC's premier offensive threats and eight starters from a defense that allowed only 12.8 points per game.

Running back Gaynor Blackmon rushed for 1,027 yards and scored 14 touchdowns last year as a freshman, complementing the aerial strikes of quarterback V.J. Lechman (1,706 yards, 11 TDs). The defense has been bolstered by the addition of 6-6, 275-pound lineman Tashe Williams, a transfer from Georgia.

## 9 Indiana (Pa.)

The Indians' (12-1) bid for a record fourth consecutive berth in the NCAA semifinals might hinge on how they adjust to the departure of quarterback Tony Aliucci, the Harlon Hill runner-up, and split end Jai Hill, the all-time leading receiver in Pennsylvania Conference history.

PC West player of the year Michael Mann (1,452 yards rushing, 15 touchdowns) returns, along with free safety Reece Brown (nine interceptions), a catalyst for a defense that gave up the second fewest points (7.9) and yards per game nationwide.

## 10 Pittsburg State

The defending national champs (13-1-1) lost 11 starters, including Harlon Hill winner Ronnie West and three-time 1,000-yard rusher Darren Dawson. But 39 returning lettermen give the Gorillas enough firepower to remain a contender.

Running back Ronald Moore (1,576 yards rushing, 20 touchdowns) is back, along with Brian Hutchins and Jeff Moreland, who shared quarterback duties a year ago. Defensive end Troy Wilson (23 sacks) should again be a force on the other side of the ball.

## 11 Virginia Union

The Panthers (8-3), under first-year coach Mel Rose, have the weapons to post their 22nd consecutive winning season. Wide receiver Rodney Hounshell (51 catches, 1,034 yards) returns, along with tight end Stacey Graves (42 receptions, 10 TDs) and linebacker Kevin Williams (143 tackles, 15½ sacks), a Second Team All-American last year as a freshman.

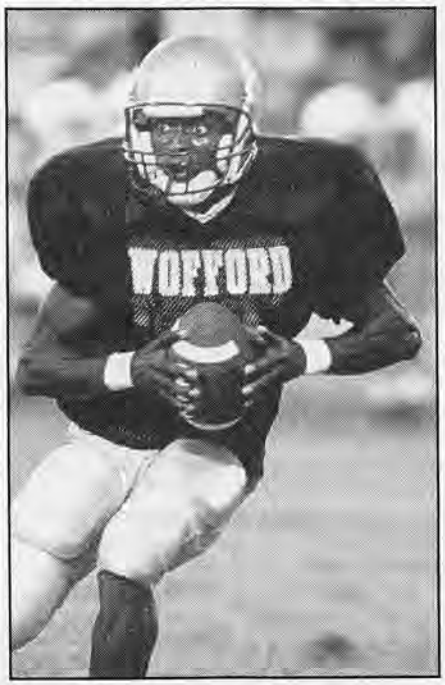
## 12 Ashland

The Eagles, who were denied a postseason berth last year despite a 9-2 record—both losses came against playoff teams—hope to break through this season. The return of 14 starters should help. Junior end/linebacker Bill Royce (82 tackles, 18½ sacks) will anchor a defensive unit that gave up fewer yards per game (195.5) last year than any team in Division II.

## 13 Eastern New Mexico

Like Ashland, the Greyhounds (7-3-1) failed to receive an invitation to the NCAA's postseason party. The Lone Star Conference winners have enough talent returning to ensure that they'll be there in 1992. All-LSC running back Landrum Hale (1,108 yards rushing) and Second Team All-America defensive end Sam Washington head the list of veterans.

**Wofford's Graves has rushed for more yardage than any other quarterback from any division.**




## 14 East Stroudsburg

The Warriors (8-3-1) welcome back 18 starters from a team that captured the Pennsylvania Conference East title and landed the school's first-ever playoff berth. Quarterback Bret Comp, a 26-year-old ex-Marine who passed for 2,434 yards last season, returns, along with kicker Ed Detwiler (15 field goals) and defensive back Derrick DeBurow (11 career interceptions).

## 15 Mississippi College

The Choctaws (7-4-1) will lean on eight returning defensive starters, including end Terrance James and linebacker Pedro Nelson—a pair of All-Gulf South Conference selections—to secure a fifth consecutive playoff berth. All-GSC wide receiver Miguel Callier (47 catches), who ranked fourth nationally in punt return average (16.5) last year as a freshman, is also back.

## 16 Edinboro

The Scots (7-4), who went into a late-season tailspin a year ago, will look to bounce back behind 17 returning starters and 42 lettermen. Running back Lester Frye (741 yards rushing, 12 touchdowns) and quarterback Jody Dickerson (1,362 yards passing), the Pennsylvania Conference West rookie of the year, will lead a veteran offensive cast.

## 17 California-Davis

The Aggies (7-3) failed to claim the Northern California Conference title for the first time in 21 years, but there's reason to believe they'll regain their position atop the standings in 1992. The team returns a total of 48 lettermen, including tackle Bob Fenton (6-3, 275) and flanker Josh Weinstock (45 receptions, eight TDs), a pair of all-conference offensive performers.

## 18 Grand Valley State

The Lakers (9-3) will vie for a playoff berth if their offense can overcome the loss of eight starters, among them quarterback Jack Hull, fullback Eric Lynch (60 career TDs) and All-America center Chris Tiede. Linebacker Dave Stachura (91 tackles), end Joe Huhn (15 sacks), and seven other starters return from a defense that surrendered only 11.8 points per game last season.

## 19 Sonoma State

The Cossacks (9-2) lost six starters from a defense that ranked as the nation's fiercest against the run (63.6 yards per game) for the second year in a row, but All-Northern California Conference linebacker Greg Franklin (84 tackles) should help that unit maintain its high standards. Kicker Tim Hatcher (13 field goals) is back, along with seven offensive starters.

## 20 Angelo State

The Rams (6-3-1), who finished second in the rugged Lone Star Conference a year ago, welcome back 6-4, 258-pound tackle J.D. Garland and seven other starters on defense. Quarterback Wilbur Odom, a transfer from Michigan who rushed for 318 yards and passed for another 1,330 last season, returns to lead the offense.

—BOB FULTON

# Division III Top 20

**Preseason Top 20**

1. Ithaca College (N.Y.)
2. Dayton
3. Susquehanna (Pa.)
4. Allegheny (Pa.)
5. Augustana (Ill.)
6. Wisconsin-LaCrosse
7. Carnegie-Mellon (Pa.)
8. Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)
9. Ferrum (Va.)
10. Washington & Jefferson (Pa.)
11. Mount Union (Ohio)
12. Lycoming (Pa.)
13. Union College (N.Y.)
14. St. John's (Minn.)
15. Dickinson (Pa.)
16. Albion (Mich.)
17. Coe College (Iowa)
18. Glassboro State (N.Y.)
19. Simpson College (Iowa)
20. Millikin (Ill.)

**The Division III race may be a waltz for Wittman [22] and his fellow Bombers from Ithaca.**

Parity will reign supreme in Division III football this season, but don't be surprised if the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl has a repeat performance, with defending champion Ithaca College taking on the University of Dayton again. This will be the Flyers' last hurrah in Division III. Dayton will move on to an independent status next year along with other schools that play Division I basketball.

If either Ithaca or Dayton falters along the way, other schools could move to the top of the list, including Susquehanna, Allegheny, Augustana, Wisconsin-LaCrosse, and Carnegie-Mellon.

## 1 Ithaca College

The Bombers are not only the defending Division III champion but the most successful playoff team in division history. They have played more playoff games than any other school (28) and have more playoff victories (21) and Stagg Bowl appearances (seven). Only Augustana has won more titles, with four, one more than the Bombers.

The Bombers have six starters back on offense, including two-time All-America fullback Jeff Wittman. In four postseason games last fall he rushed for 432 yards, including 159 in the 34-20 victory over Dayton in the Stagg Bowl. All-America center Keith Linsey also returns to anchor the offense.

Inside linebacker Billie Mays, another 1991 All-American, is back after averaging 13 tackles per game last year. Another key defender returning is cornerback Jay Zunic.

## 2 Dayton

The Flyers have become a tournament fixture. They have earned a spot in the Division III playoffs for the past six years and made it to the Stagg Bowl on five occasions.

Coach Mike Kelly (109-21-1) has built a perennially winning program at Dayton, and the success is expected to continue this season. Returning is senior quarterback Steve Keller, who had the most productive season in school history as a junior. In 1991 he set Flyers single-season records for total offense (2,460 yards), passing yards (2,316), and pass completions (163). He was named the team's most valuable player.

Also returning this season is junior fullback Pat Hofacre, who scored 24 touchdowns and 156 points last season for a per-game scoring average of 11.4. He was nearly unstoppable inside the opponent's 10-yard line.

Defensively, the Flyers bring back nose tackle Robert Christy, who had 101 tackles, including 11 sacks in 1991, and senior cornerback Dan Rosenbaum.

## 3 Susquehanna

The aura of the famed Amos Alonzo Stagg surrounds the Crusaders football program. The legendary coach was a co-coach with his son, Amos Jr., for six years, the football field at the school is named after the elder Stagg, and the Crusaders just missed playing in the Stagg Bowl game last year. Their chances of making it to the title game this season are very good.

Coach Steve Briggs has 13 returning starters—seven on offense, five on defense, and one specialist in punter Steve Leggett, who also returns punts. Briggs coaches a ground-oriented attack and brings back the five top rushers from 1991. Senior halfback Frank Lane rushed for a team-best 555 yards, and fullback Sean Oakes, also a senior, rushed for 479 yards a year ago. Another offensive weapon is George Day, who averaged 11.9 yards on 17 carries during the regular season and 8.5 per carry in last year's playoffs.

On defense, the Crusaders should be solid up the middle, where senior All-America inside linebacker Andy Watkins (6-2, 215) returns after a banner 1991 season in which he led the team with 88 tackles. Senior inside linebacker Pete Rendina (6-0, 215) also will be back.

## 4 Allegheny

The Gators won the Division III crown two years ago and were eliminated from the playoffs in an overtime loss to Dayton last year.

The team has 20 key returnees, including senior tailback Stanley Drayton, who rushed for 1,375 yards and a per-game average of 137.5 last season. Drayton also led college football with 27 touchdowns. Bill Miller, who gained 209 yards on the ground a year ago, also returns. Keying the defense is senior inside linebacker Wayne Mack, who had a team leading 163 tackles last season.

## 5 Augustana

The Vikings were 8-1 last year, but they failed to make it to the Division III playoffs for the first time since 1980. Coach Bob Reade has a 125-16-1 overall record.

The Vikings have nine returning starters—five on offense and four on defense. As usual, Reade's offense will be keyed by the running game, a three-back system with senior wingback Mark Kimball leading the way. Kimball had a team-leading 719 yards rushing last year and seven touchdowns, while senior fullback Brian Dunlavy chipped in with 578 yards and eight TDs. The quarterback is senior Marc Rosello, and when a pass play is called he probably will throw to tight end Greg Weber.

Augustana also prides itself on defense. The top returning defenders are down linemen Jim Zajicek and George Annang, along with cornerback Karl Youngquist.

## 6 Wisconsin-LaCrosse

Nearly everything is in place for the Eagles, who were 10-2 in 1991. Ten starters return on

offense, but coach Roger Herring will have to find the right quarterback. Dennis Goettl, who set 13 school records, has graduated, and his heir apparent is 6-3, 185-pound junior Jason Gonnion, whose strength is passing. The top two ball carriers, fullback John Janke (6-3, 225) and tailback Erik Richards, are back. Dave Klubertanz, an agile offensive lineman, is the leader up front, while junior tackle Rick Schaaf (6-5, 270) will anchor the defense.

## 7 Carnegie-Mellon

The Tartans have 43 lettermen and 18 starters back this season. Four starters return in the skill positions. Quarterback Chris Dee, who completed 49% of his passes for 854 yards while rushing for 324 yards last year, will trigger the offense. Also back are wide receivers Jarrod Sikit and Andy Van Sprang, along with fullback Griffin Pero.

CMU was one of only two teams in the nation to rush for more than 3,000 yards, and much of that yardage was gained through holes created by tackle Chuck Jackson (6-2, 273) and guard Rich Wilson (6-3, 240). Nine regulars are back on defense, including tackles Ben Burton (5-10, 248), Jon Hutchison (6-0, 215), and Jason Lange (6-0, 210).

## 8 Baldwin-Wallace

Junior quarterback John Koz (173 of 271 for 2,177 yards and 21 touchdowns) is back to trigger the offense. His top receivers are Lance Yandell and Merrell Davis. Returning to bolster the running game are Chuck Geiss—who missed nearly all of last season because of knee surgery—John Andrews, and Jason Wireman. Also back is placekicker Mike Barbetta, who has booted 16 of 22 field goals and 69 of 71 PATs in his two-year career, including 42 straight conversions last year.

Defense is traditionally a strong point with the Yellow Jackets, and this year will be no different, with 11 experienced players back. All-Americans Gus Patouhas, a down lineman, and Jim Clardy, an outside linebacker, will lead the defensive charge.

## 9 Ferrum

The Panthers have compiled a 45-9-1 record over the past five years. They led all of Division III in rushing last year, averaging 361 yards per game, and with eight offensive starters back they may do even better this fall. Eric Owens, a two-year backup, will take over the quarterback spot in the wishbone offense.

The defense will be stronger than in the recent past. Defensive ends Henley Green and Reed Newton should be strong bookends on the line, while linebackers Billy Ellis, Eric Lowry, and Mike Millner shut off anyone who advances past the line of scrimmage.

## 10 Washington & Jefferson

The Presidents have been ranked nationally and invited to the Division III playoffs in each of the last three years, but the national championship has eluded them each time. Coach John Luckhardt, who is 75-22-2, hopes things are different this year.

W&J has nine offensive starters back and seven returning on defense. The key to the offense is senior tailback Chris Babirad. Also returning on offense is four-year quarterback Bob Strope.

The Presidents led Division III in total defense last year, yielding 143 yards per game. They're counting upon strong performances by senior defensive tackle John Engelmohr and senior middle linebacker Eric Tola.

## 11 Mount Union

The Purple Raiders, 8-1-1 a year ago, go into the 1992 campaign riding a 28-game home unbeaten streak in Ohio Athletic Conference play.

This will be a pass-oriented team, with junior quarterback Jim Ballard at the controls. His prime receiver will be senior Ed Bubonics. Ballard passed for 27 touchdowns in 1991, and Bubonics had 61 receptions and 13 TDs.

## 12 Lycoming

It's a new era for the Warriors. Four-year starting quarterback Ed Dougherty has now graduated and is replaced by Ellio Domenick, a 6-3 sophomore who has been asked to carry on the winning tradition.

Domenick has thrown only 25 passes in varsity competition, completing nine for 89 yards and one touchdown. He'll have four talented receivers: tailback Cory Sheridan, junior wideout Ron Weist, junior tight end Brian Lafty, and senior Joe DeSimone. Only four regulars return on defense, which could be a problem.

## 13 Union College

The Dutchmen begin a new era this season with a new coach in John Audino, former offensive coordinator at the school, and a new quarterback, junior Brian Harris, who completed seven of just 17 passes in 1991. Key returnees are placekicker Greg Harrison—who kicked 17 field goals last season and has made 87 of 93 conversions in three years—tailback Vlad Telemaque, fullback Dave Flynn, and running back Chris Irving.

On defense the Dutchmen return two of their top four tacklers of a year ago, linebacker Bryan Savage and end Jaimy Farnan.

## 14 St. John's (Minn.)

Coach John Gagliardi must replace 14 starters from 1991, including all six backs and receivers on offense. Senior Wade Labatte is expected to take over at quarterback for Pat Mayew, who was the team's most valuable player last year.

There are several candidates to assume the running chores, including senior Matt Cherry and junior Brian O'Kane at fullback, along with junior Chris Wanner. The top receiver this year is expected to be junior Ryan Murray.

A trio of seniors who played key back-up roles last year will anchor the defense. They are Bill Donohue, Ryan Carey, and Brad Blaschko.

## 15 Dickinson

The Red Devils were 9-1 last year, posting their first unbeaten regular season since they were 5-0 in 1917.

A key returnee is tailback Alex Plomaritis, who averaged 137.6 yards per carry and 9.3 points per game last year. He also moved to the other side of the line of scrimmage on occasion to play defensive back. Also back is Brian Ridgway, a defensive end, who was the team leader in tackles (54) before he was injured in the seventh game, and Dan Hickey, a defensive back, who had seven interceptions and two blocked punts.

## 16 Albion

Junior Jeff Robinson, and Gobe Cooper, who averaged 7.5 and 6.0 yards per carry, respectively, will lead the running attack. Junior quarterback Mike Montico, who has tossed 26 touchdown passes in the past two seasons, should pilot the air attack. The Britons will look for replacements for key offensive linemen who graduated.

The very solid defense is led by linebackers Kris Knubloch, Ron Smith and Eric Baughman, who rank among the elite in the Midwest.

## 17 Coe College

Four starters on the offensive line and the entire starting backfield return, including quarterback Guy Simons, who passed for 1,402 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Tailback Carey Bender (1,058 yards rushing) and fullback Jon Hocker also will pick up where they left off in 1991.

Defensively, key returnees are linemen Todd Hayek (52 tackles), Aaron Styre (46), and Marcus Adkins (42), linebacker Tim Smyth (111), and defensive back Richard Matthews, who had eight pass interceptions and 52 tackles.

## 18 Glassboro State

The Profs lost 19 letter-winners, including 13 starters, to graduation, but coach John Bunting will have several skill-position players back on offense. Leading the way is quarterback Ed Hesson, a junior who passed for 1,793 yards and 14 touchdowns a year ago. Another key returnee is senior fullback Dennis McKim, who rushed for 348 yards and caught 28 passes for 271 yards in 1991. Senior halfbacks Calvin Easley and Jarvis Perry also are back and will share most of the rushing chores this season.

Inside linebacker Pete Goetz led the team with 101 tackles a year ago. He leads a much depleted defensive corps that will have to mature quickly this season.

## 19 Simpson College

The Redmen had a school-record 10-0 regular-season mark in 1991 and suffered their lone defeat in the first round of the Division III playoffs. A number of key players were lost to graduation, but several important performers will return this season, as well.

Junior Scott Driskell, who shared the quarterback duties a year ago, is back to run the offense full time. He had a 60% passing efficiency in 1991, and the Redmen's balanced attack should be in good hands. Also back is senior running back Trent Nauholz.

## 20 Millikin

This will be a reloading year for coach Carl Poelker. The Big Blue lost the top passer, four of the top scorers, and four of the leading rushers from the 1991 team that posted a 6-3 record, but optimism still reigns.

Poelker must find a quarterback and tailback for the run-oriented offense. Todd Seelman, a senior who rushed for 171 yards a year ago, will get the call at tailback. Quarterback still poses a question, but whoever wins the job will be throwing to senior wide receiver Mike Hall, who had 31 catches for 563 yards and seven touchdowns in 1991.

—BILL NICHOLS

# Big Eight

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Colorado
2. Nebraska
3. Oklahoma
4. Kansas
5. Kansas State
6. Iowa State
7. Missouri
8. Oklahoma State

For years, the only things Plains folk passed were cars on the way to the stadium, time at tailgate parties, and mustard at the concession stand. Fads like the hula hoop, bell-bottom jeans, disco, rap, and $4 million quarterbacks normally take awhile to reach the Great Plains, and so it was with the forward pass. However, while they still haven't exactly embraced this radical concept of offensive football, Big Eight coaches have at least come to grips with it.

Item: For only the third time in league history, every Big Eight team had at least 1,000 yards rushing *and* passing in 1991.

Item: Oklahoma threw for a Big Eight bowl-record 357 yards in a 48-14 Gator Bowl victory over Virginia. Nine different Sooners caught passes in that game.

Item: After Colorado moved to the top of the Big Eight with a power running game, coach Bill McCartney says the Buffaloes will go to a one-back, three-receiver set in 1992.

"We want to open things up more on offense," McCartney says. "We had trouble moving the ball the last three games of the year. The offense had simply become too easy to defend. We're not causing problems, comparatively, to other teams that are throwing the ball—and we have the talent to."

As the Gator Bowl shows, Oklahoma also is moving toward a more diverse offense. The Sooners want to take advantage of the talents of quarterback Cale Gundy, whose older brother, Mike, became the Big Eight's career passing leader at Oklahoma State in the late '80s.

Don't be confused, though. The Big Eight isn't about to become the WAC. Four Big Eight rushers topped 1,000 yards last year, and three finished among the nation's top 10 rushers. The Nebraska Cornhuskers won their seventh team rushing title in the past 12 years. Nonetheless, in its effort to keep up with the Joneses—namely, the Miamis, Florida States, and Washingtons of college football—the Big Eight finally has come to the realization that a little offensive diversity might help the league maintain its high national profile.

After getting drilled time after time recently in bowl play, league coaches may be ready to try something different. The Big Three of the Big Eight—Colorado, Nebraska, and Oklahoma—are 2-10 in bowl games over the past five seasons. However, that trio still should be good enough to rule the roost in the Great Plains.

"We still have three premier teams, not only as far as the conference, but also nationally in the form of Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Colorado," says Kansas coach Glen Mason. "However, when I compare the Big Eight now to when I first came in the league in 1988, we are a lot tougher from top to bottom."

The days when the league's big boys could count on putting in the scrubs midway through the third quarter appear to be over. Close games between the league's haves and have-nots are more commonplace: witness Nebraska's 38-31 victory over Kansas State, or Colorado struggling past Kansas 30-24, Iowa State 17-14, and Oklahoma State 16-12. "The gap is continuing to close," McCartney says.

Only Missouri, with one of the nation's worst defenses, failed to join the parity party. The Tigers were outscored by an average of 41-17 in league games.

One reason for the overall improvement of the league's bottom five has been coaching stability. In fact, the conference has the same eight head coaches for the fourth year in a row, the first time that has happened in Big Eight history.

Kansas and Kansas State both finished above .500 in the same season for the first time since 1933. They figure to challenge for fourth place and flirt with a bowl bid. A step back will be Iowa State and Missouri. The Cyclones failed to win at least two league games for the first time in coach Jim Walden's five-year tenure, but they should make strides toward respectability if they can get some production from their running game and find some defensive linemen. The Tigers, meanwhile, need to make drastic improvements on defense if they are to have any hope of avoiding the school's ninth consecutive losing season.

Oklahoma State, which has been in free fall since 1989, appears headed for the basement. The Cowboys (0-10-1) went winless for the first time since 1920 last season.

As for the Big Three, look for Colorado and Nebraska to battle it out for the top spot, as was the case last year when they tied for the title. The Buffaloes have one of the best linebacking corps in the nation, led by the "Killer B's," Chad Brown and Greg Biekert. Nebraska—surprise!—has a strong running game. In fact, Derek Brown and Calvin Jones form one of the nation's best tailback tandems. Of course, Oklahoma, with Gundy at quarterback, Dewell Brewer at tailback and Kenyon Rasheed at fullback, shouldn't be far behind.

### 1 Colorado

Sorry, Buff bashers. The year to get Colorado was last year. The Buffaloes had lost 24 seniors, eight All-Big Eight selections, and three consensus All-Americans from their 1990 national co-championship team. However, through a combination of guile, savvy, and the will to win, the Buffaloes managed to finish 8-3-1, earn a share of the Big Eight title, and make their fifth bowl trip in the past six years.

Eight of the Buffaloes' 12 games were decided by 10 points or fewer, so this was a team that lived on the edge all season. Their success was a testament to the confidence that comes from winning; after going 22-2-1 in 1989 and '90, the Buffaloes have come to expect good things to happen whenever they step on the field. Colorado became only the third Big Eight team—Nebraska and Oklahoma are the others—to win or share at least three straight conference titles. In the process, the Buffaloes stretched their league unbeaten streak to 22 games.

"We were pleased to get a share of the title," says coach Bill McCartney. "Going in we were not real optimistic, as we had a lot of guys to replace. We made tremendous improvement after the Stanford defeat [on September 28] through the Oklahoma victory [on October 17], and that laid the groundwork for us to repeat."

For 1992 the Buffaloes will have gone full circle offensively. With his job on the line after a 1-10 season in 1984, his third year at Colorado, McCartney switched from a pro-style passing offense to the wishbone. The Buffaloes haven't had a losing season since, going 48-24-2 over the past seven years.

The wishbone has gradually evolved into a more balanced offense; in part because of McCartney's 1-5 bowl record with the Buffaloes, he has become convinced that it takes more than power football to win the big games. Thus, his bold decision to go to a three-receiver, one-back set this fall, an offense that was unveiled in CU's 30-25 Blockbuster Bowl loss to Alabama.

Departing quarterback Darian Hagan left Boulder as Colorado's career leader in total offense. His likely successor, Vance Joseph, is a more polished passer, albeit no Joe Montana. There is plenty of young talent behind Joseph, too, including redshirt freshman Kordell Stewart, Illinois transfer Duke Tobin, and incoming recruit Koy Detmer, the younger brother of 1990 Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer.

Junior Charles Johnson and sophomores Michael Westbrook and Erik Mitchell are the leading candidates to man the wide receiver spots. Westbrook caught 22 passes for a team-leading 309 yards last fall.

Despite missing two games, tailback Lamont Warren rushed for 830 yards, making him the nation's third-leading rusher among freshmen last season. He and Joseph will operate behind an offensive line that returns four starters, headed by tackle Jim Hansen. The only loss is a big one, however: All-America center Jay Leeuwenburg.

On defense the Buffaloes should be stout up front, with All-Big Eight pick Leonard Renfro and Marcellous Elder back at defensive end. Linebackers Chad Brown, Greg Biekert, and Ron Woolfork all are national honors candidates. Biekert has led the Buffs in tackles in each of the past two seasons, including 139 stops last year.

If CU can find some safeties to go with corners Deon Figures and Ronnie Bradford, it could have one of the nation's best defenses. The top candidates

### 1991 Big Eight Standings

| School | Conference W | Conference L | Conference T | Overall W | Overall L | Overall T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 6 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 6 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Oklahoma | 5 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Kansas State | 4 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Kansas | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Iowa State | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Missouri | 1 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Oklahoma State | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 1 |

Colorado lost to Alabama 30-25 in the Blockbuster Bowl.
Nebraska lost to Miami 22-0 in the Orange Bowl.
Oklahoma defeated Virginia 48-14 in the Gator Bowl.

**Brown is one of the 'Killer B' linebackers that give the Colorado defense some sting.**

are Dwayne Davis at free safety and Greg Lindsey at strong.

## 2 Nebraska

Look for a Nebraska football primer this fall: See Derek run. See Calvin run. See Derek and Calvin run. That's Derek Brown and Calvin Jones, who may be the Cornhuskers' best one-two punch at tailback since the days of Mike Rozier and Roger Craig.

As a sophomore in 1991 Brown finished second in the league and ninth nationally in rushing, with 1,313 yards. In 10 regular-season games as a freshman Jones rushed for an even 900 yards and was named offensive newcomer of the year in the Big Eight.

With what shapes up as one of the Huskers' better offensive lines clearing the way, Brown and Jones could run wild. At right guard, Will Shields is a two-time All-Big Eight selection who should be next in Nebraska's long line of All-America offensive linemen. Lance Lundberg and Zach Wiegert may be the best set of tackles in the league. Jim Scott is back at center.

As usual, the big questions offensively are can the Huskers throw the football, and how often will they do so? The quarterback race is wide open, what with the loss of three senior QBs from last season—Keithen McCant, Mickey Joseph, and Tom Haase—but Mike Grant, who was redshirted last year in what would have been his senior season, figures to be the man. He was a part-time starter as a junior in 1990.

New faces will replace wideouts Jon Bostick and Nate Turner, who completed their eligibility, and tight end Johnny Mitchell, who chose to turn pro after his sophomore season. Together, that trio accounted for 67 of Nebraska's 116 pass receptions, with Mitchell's 31 catches setting a school record for tight ends. The Cornhuskers likely will go with Tyrone Hughes at split end and Abdul Muhammad at wingback—that is, if Hughes doesn't stay at cornerback. The fastest Husker and an excellent kick returner, Hughes played corner against Miami in the Orange Bowl and performed credibly. At tight end, veteran William Washington is an excellent blocker but doesn't have Mitchell's pass-catching skills.

The strength of the defense is at linebacker, where outside linebacker Travis Hill is as good as they come. He led the team in tackles for loss last season (9½) and is back for his third year as a starter. Hill has some company, too, on a talented linebacker crew that rivals Colorado's. David White, Trev Alberts, and Mike Anderson all are proven talents. The Huskers coaches also are high on Darren Williams.

In the secondary, 11 of 13 lettermen return, but the two losses were a pair of very good cornerbacks in Tyrone Legette and Curtis Cotton. Kenny Wilhite, who tied for the league interception lead with six, will handle one of the corner spots if he is sufficiently recovered from a knee injury that ended his '91 season in Game 9 against Kansas.

The safety spots are solid, with seniors Tyrone Byrd and Steve Carmer back. Carmer became the first defensive back in school history to lead the Huskers in tackles. His 87 stops also were a school record for a Nebraska defensive back.

## 3 Oklahoma

The Sooners are now two years removed from NCAA probation. No sanctions remain, but the effect of those sanctions are just kicking in with respect to personnel. Simply put, OU's numbers are down. The Sooners lost 23 seniors from last year's 9-3 club, and the NCAA-imposed scholarship limitations of 1989 and 1990 are beginning to be felt on the depth chart. Still, the rousing 48-14 Gator Bowl triumph against Virginia gives the Sooners some momentum entering this season.

"The Gator Bowl victory over Virginia did a lot for our seniors as well as those who are returning," coach Gary Gibbs says. "It was a good way to end the season, and at the same time, a game to build on for 1992."

If the Sooners can come up with some tackles to solidify the offensive line, they should be able to score against most anybody. This figures to be the breakthrough year for quarterback Cale Gundy, now a junior. He completed 53% of his passes for 1,228 yards last season. Don't snicker—those may be meager numbers at BYU or Miami, but Gundy's passing yardage was the third highest single-season total in OU history, and he showed he is capable of much bigger things when he completed 25 of 31 passes for 329 yards and two touchdowns in the Gator Bowl.

Gundy's corps of receivers now has some experience and should see even more balls thrown its way. Corey Warren had 26 catches last season. Redshirt freshman JaJuan Penny could work his way up the depth chart, and Joey Mickey may be the best tight end in the league.

Don't expect the Sooners to abandon their running game, however. Dewell Brewer, who rushed for 872 yards as a sophomore but only 263 last year behind Mike Gaddis, has all-league potential. Billy McDade and Earnest Williams also should see some action at tailback. Kenyon Rasheed is the league's best and most experienced fullback. The strength of the offensive line is at guard, where Paul Moriarty and Jeff Resler are returning starters.

Only three starters are back on defense, but the new faces should be just as good as the guys they are replacing. Reggie Barnes and Trey Tippens are double trouble at defensive end, and look out for Aubrey Beavers if he regains his eligibility. Tackle Greg Wilkins was co-defensive freshman of the year last fall.

**The Cornhuskers' Brown can cut against the grain and weave through a maze of tacklers.**

Mike Coats is a quality linebacker, and cornerback Darnell Walker is a player to build around in a secondary that lost three starters.

The Sooners' nonconference schedule is spiced with a home game against Southern California and the annual bloodletting in Dallas against Texas. Gibbs is 24-10 in his first three seasons in Norman but only 1-5 against main rivals Texas, Nebraska, and Colorado.

## 4 Kansas

If not for a squandered fourth-quarter lead in what became a 16-12 loss to rival Kansas State, the Jayhawks would have gone bowling last year for the first time since 1981. As it was, they settled for their first winning season since '81, finishing 6-5.

"The 1991 season was mixed, with some very good and some very bad," says coach Glen Mason. "It was like a roller-coaster ride. However, in the final evaluation, our football team took a step toward improvement. It's a monumental fact that our football team went from a loser to a winner, and we are very close to turning this program around."

It has taken a monumental effort to do that, because just a few seasons ago the Jayhawks were beyond bad. They were terrible. With 14 starters returning this fall, however, they are on the brink of big things: a first-division finish in the Big Eight, perhaps, or that elusive bowl bid. It all seems possible, especially with what could be one of the league's better defenses. That in itself is a monumental achievement, considering that just a few years ago the Jayhawks statistically had one of the worst defenses in NCAA history.

But that was then; this is now. KU just may have the league's best defensive lineman in 280-pound tackle Dana Stubblefield. He was All-Big Eight last year after registering 10 sacks, the most of any lineman in the league. Stubblefield's running mate at tackle is no slouch either: 280-pound Gilbert Brown is an all-league candidate himself.

Steve Harvey and converted defensive back Hassan Bailey lead a linebacker crew that remains short on experience but long on depth. Harvey registered 76 tackles and caused four fumbles as a freshman last fall. Bailey, who led the team in tackles at safety in 1990, was second on the team in stops last year at outside linebacker with 78. Three starters completed their eligibility in the secondary, but Mason hopes players such as James Givens, Charley Bowen, and Gerald McBurrows can step up to starting roles.

A plus for KU comes in the kicking game, where Dan Eichloff is a double threat at kicker and punter. Eichloff, now a junior, was third nationally in field goals (18 of 24) and finished 12th nationally in punting (42.4 yards per punt).

On offense, tackle Keith Loneker heads a group of three returning starters on the line. After starting 21 of KU's past 22 games at quarterback, Chip Hilleary returns for his senior season. Hilleary's top targets figure to be Matt Gay, Rob Licursi, and tight end Dwayne Chandler. However, the Jayhawks may go with a tailback-by-committee setup in the backfield, with George White, Chaka Johnson, and Maurice Douglas replacing "Tuxedo Tony" Sands, who rushed for 1,442 yards last fall.

## 5 Kansas State

The Wildcats' resurgence has been just as impressive as KU's, if not more so. Last season's 7-4 record marked their first winning season since 1982. Only the fact that two of those victories came over Division I-AA squads kept Kansas State out of a bowl game. (Keep in mind that Kansas State has been to only one bowl game—period—in school history, and was 4-50-1 between 1985 and '89.)

The ingredients are there for back-to-back winning seasons, something that hasn't happened since the Wildcats' 1953 and '54 seasons. Coach Bill Snyder, who was ESPN's national coach of the year last fall, has somehow brought the Cats all the way back to respectability.

Work must be done, however, to keep things that way. For one, wide receivers Michael Smith and Frank Hernandez and tight end Russ Campbell all must be replaced. Each member of that trio finished his college career with more than 1,000 receiving yards. Smith, in fact, finished third on the Big Eight's all-time catch-and-carry list with 2,457 receiving yards.

Despite those personnel losses, there is quality returning in junior wideouts Andre Coleman and Gerald Benton, both of whom have better speed than their predecessors. Brad Seib and Brian Rees are competing for the tight end spot.

At quarterback, Jason Smargiasso and Matt Garber are vying to replace Paul Watson, who completed his college career on a high note by throwing for 2,312 yards last fall. That's the sixth highest single-season total in league history.

The Wildcats do have a proven commodity at tailback in Eric Gallon, who last fall became just the third Kansas State player to rush for 1,000 yards, when he gained 1,102. Speedy sophomore J.J. Smith also should see some time in the backfield. If the skill position players come through, the offense should click because all five starters return on the offensive line, including honors candidate Quentin Neujahr at center.

Eight starters return on defense, the best of whom are tackle Jody Kilian, linebacker Brooks Barta, and safety Jaime Mendez. Barta, who had a

**Gundy would sooner see Oklahoma rely on his arm than return to a run-oriented offense.**

## Returning Big Eight Statistical Leaders

### PASSING

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cale Gundy (Jr.) | Oklahoma | 4 | 91 | 172 | 1,228 | 8 |
| Phil Johnson (Jr.) | Missouri | 5 | 167 | 311 | 2,029 | 14 |
| Chip Hilleary (Sr.) | Kansas | 6 | 98 | 188 | 1,267 | 6 |
| Jeff Handy (So.) | Missouri | 7 | 48 | 89 | 565 | 3 |
| Kevin Caldwell (So.) | Iowa St. | 8 | 32 | 57 | 416 | 1 |
| Brent Scott (So.) | Oklahoma St. | 10 | 33 | 78 | 411 | 2 |

### RUSHING

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Derek Brown (Jr.) | Nebraska | 2 | 230 | 1,313 | 5.7 | 14 |
| Eric Gallon (Sr.) | Kansas St. | 4 | 224 | 1,102 | 4.9 | 9 |
| Lamont Warren (So.) | Colorado | 5 | 157 | 830 | 5.3 | 7 |
| Calvin Jones (So.) | Nebraska | 6 | 108 | 900 | 8.3 | 14 |
| Rafael Denson (So.) | Oklahoma St. | 8 | 150 | 569 | 3.8 | 2 |
| Kevin Caldwell (So.) | Iowa St. | 9 | 156 | 428 | 2.7 | 3 |
| Sundiata Patterson (Sr.) | Iowa St. | 10 | 100 | 467 | 4.7 | 5 |

### RECEIVING

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bert Milliner (Sr.) | Oklahoma St. | 2 | 47 | 631 | 13.4 | 3 |
| Kenny Holly (Jr.) | Missouri | 6 | 31 | 399 | 12.9 | 1 |
| Johnny Mitchell (Jr.) | Nebraska | 6 | 31 | 534 | 17.2 | 5 |
| Corey Warren (Jr.) | Oklahoma | 10 | 26 | 365 | 14.0 | 3 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

team-leading 108 tackles last year, and Mendez were First Team All-Big Eight picks last year. The biggest question mark defensively is at the corners, where the Wildcats are looking for two new starters.

## 6 Iowa State

When it comes to offensive football, Cyclones coach Jim Walden is one of the most freewheeling guys around. He likes to pass, spread the field, and throw a trick play your way whenever possible. When injuries took his top two quarterbacks and left holes in the offensive line last year, however, Walden had to become conservative.

In a desperation move, converted tailback Kevin Caldwell was pressed into service at quarterback. He performed like . . . a converted tailback. Caldwell rushed for 154 yards in a 23-22 victory over Missouri, but the Cyclones had trouble moving the ball much of the season. Save for that scoring "outburst" against Mizzou, the Cyclones averaged a scant eight points a game in their other Big Eight contests.

That figure should improve this year if the Cyclones can keep Bob Utter healthy at quarterback and improve their running game. Five players return with at least some starting experience on the offensive line. The best of the lot there is junior tackle Doug Skartvedt, a 300-pounder.

There is experience and some speed in a receiving corps that is underrated and was underused last season. Chris Spencer, Lamont Hill, Brandon Hughes, and James McMillion all have potential.

But who will play tailback? The best bets at the moment are sophomore Jim Knott, who gained 103 yards against Colorado last year but only 120 the rest of the season, and senior Sherman Williams.

The Cyclones return seven starters on defense but none on the defensive line. "We lost four guys with at least two years of starting experience per player," Walden says.

Only a few holes need to be filled in the secondary and at linebacker, though. Senior Dan Milner, who registered a team-high 121 tackles, is back at linebacker. All-Big Eight safety Mark DouBrava heads one of the league's top secondaries. Veterans Shawn Walker and Andrew Buggs man the corner spots. Sophomore Kevin Fulton is an up-and-coming talent at strong safety.

All things considered, the ingredients are there for a nice rebound from last season's 3-7-1 finish, but the Cyclones must get out of the gate quickly. A 3-1 start is possible with a nonconference schedule that includes Ohio, Tulane, and Northern Iowa—all at home.

## 7 Missouri

For opposing teams, it wasn't a question of scoring against the Tigers last season—it was only a matter of how many points. Mizzou put out the welcome mat on defense, yielding a school-record 403 points. All but three of MU's 11 foes scored 31 points or more, and four teams surpassed the half-century mark.

To stop the bleeding, coach Bob Stull hired veteran Don Lindsey as the team's new defensive coordinator in March. "He's one of the best," Stull says. Lindsey has been out of coaching for a year but previously had been a defensive coordinator at Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia Tech, and Southern California.

The Tigers will need one of the best to revive a sagging defense that was slow afoot at linebacker, lacked a dominant pass-rusher, and was beaten back by injuries as the season progressed. For '92 the Tigers are hoping that some younger players who have taken their lumps over the last year or two can start handing out some. Rick Lyle, George Hunt, and Stacy Elliott have some potential on the defensive line, but each missed part of last season because of injuries.

The Tigers have a lot of candidates at linebacker, a position that has been an Achilles' heel in recent seasons. Stull and Lindsey will look for answers among Kent Gardner, Marc Pedrotti, Tony Cooper, Mike Ringgenberg, and Travis McDonald at outside linebacker. Also, keep an eye on newcomer Earl Brooks, a junior-college transfer who is one of the fastest Tigers. At middle linebacker, Darryl Major was a pleasant surprise as a freshman last season.

The secondary is a bit more settled, with veterans Maurice Benson and Jermaine Wilkins slated to start at safety, and junior Jason Oliver back for another season at cornerback. Sophomores Javan Lenhardt, Kevin McIntosh, and Andre White are competing at the other corner spot.

The offense has a proven quarterback in Phil Johnson, some experienced linemen in Mike Bedosky and Doug Hembrough, and classy receivers in Victor Bailey, Kenny Holly, and Byron Chamberlain. However, Mizzou needs some semblance of a running game to keep opposing pass-rushers from making mincemeat of Johnson. At running back, the top candidates include Ronnell Kayhill, Joe Freeman, and Jerome Madison.

A 9-23-1 record in his previous three seasons in Columbia means the honeymoon is over for Stull. It's hard to project many sure victories this fall, though, particularly with a nonconference schedule that includes road games against Illinois and Indiana and a home game with Texas A&M.

## 8 Oklahoma State

Oklahoma State is the college that has produced Barry Sanders and Thurman Thomas, among others, but Tailback U. came up dry last season. The Cowboys had no punch, finishing 105th nationally in scoring on a paltry 9.6 points per game. Only twice all season did the Cowboys score more than 15 points in a game.

If coach Pat Jones can find a quarterback the Cowboys faithful will have more to cheer about this fall. That's a big "if," however. No quarterback now on the roster has ever taken a snap in a college game.

The Cowboys hope junior-college transfer Derek Chapman can fill the bill. He threw for 1,850 yards and 16 touchdowns last year at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, Calif. Chapman is among eight junior-college transfers signed by the Cowboys.

On the offensive line, four players return with starting experience. One of those starters, Matt Jose, is moving from left tackle to center this fall.

At the skill positions, wide receiver Bert Milliner is the league's top returning receiver in terms of both receptions (47) and reception yards (631). At tailback, Rafael Denson showed promise as a freshman, rushing for 569 yards.

And there's also some talent on defense, including All-Big Eight defensive end Jason Gildon, safety Scott Harmon, and defensive end Mike Woolridge. Gildon's 16 sacks led the conference and broke the school record set by Leslie O'Neal in 1984. Harmon shared the league lead in interceptions with six. Woolridge is making the switch to end after playing most of his college career at outside linebacker.

If Chapman or another junior-college transfer, Andy Loveland, can solve the quarterback question, the outlook will brighten somewhat. Still, Cowboys fans shouldn't be making any bowl plans this year. Three or four victories—total—would be improvement enough. —JIM THOMAS

# Southwest

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Texas A&M
2. Texas
3. Texas Tech
4. Rice
5. Baylor
6. TCU
7. Houston
8. SMU

The Southwest Conference's first season since the departure of Arkansas leaves the eight-team league with the Big Two instead of the Big Three. Texas and Texas A&M will likely continue to dominate the 77-year-old league.

The larger schools' prowess has never been more obvious than in the last seven years. A&M has won four SWC titles since 1985, including last year's crown. Arkansas had consecutive titles in 1988 and '89, and Texas won in 1990. Arkansas will be playing its first season as a member of the Southeastern Conference.

Texas begins its second century of football hoping to re-establish itself as a consistent national power. The Longhorns hired coach John Mackovic to replace David McWilliams after the team fell to 5-6 in 1991. Mackovic was twice named Big Ten coach of the year at Illinois before coming to Texas. "The biggest attraction," Mackovic says, "is the opportunity to win a national championship."

The Longhorns' status as the state's top program is being threatened by an emerging powerhouse at A&M. The Aggies had their first undefeated SWC record last year since 1956—Bear Bryant's final season at A&M. Fourth-year A&M coach R.C. Slocum has stacked several highly regarded recruiting classes together. The Aggies are the consensus favorites to win the SWC title and possibly contend for a national title. A&M opens the season in the Pigskin Disneyland Classic against Stanford.

The Longhorns hope to challenge A&M, but Mackovic must revive an offense that was embarrassingly futile last season. It's expected that highly regarded freshman Shea Morenz will take over at quarterback quickly.

### 1991 Southwest Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Texas A&M | 8 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Baylor | 5 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Texas Tech | 5 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Arkansas | 5 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Texas | 4 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| TCU | 4 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Houston | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Rice | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| SMU | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 |

Arkansas lost to Georgia 24-15 in the Poulan/Weed Eater Independence Bowl.
Baylor lost to Indiana 24-0 in the Domino's Pizza Copper Bowl.
Texas A&M lost to Florida State 10-2 in the Mobil Cotton Bowl.

Texas Tech appears to have an edge over the rest of the league for third place. The Red Raiders will have a productive offense with junior quarterback Robert Hall returning for his first full season as a starter.

Rice should have a potent running attack with tailback Trevor Cobb and speedy quarterback Bert Emanuel. Baylor lost a bevy of key seniors after an 8-4 record last year.

TCU had its first winning season since 1984 last year. First-year Horned Frogs coach Pat Sullivan replaced Jim Wacker, who was lured away by Minnesota for a salary ($300,000) twice as much as his TCU package.

Houston hopes to recover from its 4-7 disappointment of a year ago. SMU brings a 25-game SWC losing streak into the season and appears destined to break the league record (26 by Rice from 1981 to 1985).

## 1 Texas A&M

A&M has won four of the SWC's last seven titles and finished with the second best record two of the other three years. The Aggies have built a reputation as one of the top teams in the Southwest and now are looking to expand their goals.

Coach R.C. Slocum is making the devout Aggies following forget former coach Jackie Sherrill, who tied a school record with three consecutive SWC titles before leaving after the 1988 season. Slocum has elevated the Aggies during his tenure. He's recruited the top players in the state the last three years, and he likes to point out that only two players who signed in the last two years came from outside a three-hour drive of the Aggies' home, College Station, Texas.

The Aggies won the SWC title with 64 players who were sophomores, redshirt freshmen, or true freshmen last season. They have added one of the nation's top recruiting classes for this campaign. Still, they'll have to replace their top three players—quarterback Bucky Richardson, linebacker Quentin Coryatt, and cornerback Kevin Smith—from last year's 10-2 team. A&M also lost its projected quarterback of the future when sophomore Jeff Granger opted to concentrate on his promising baseball career as a pitcher.

The Aggies will try to develop either Matt Miller or redshirt freshman Tommy Preston during the season. Preston is big, strong, and fast, and has the ability to make big plays, but he must learn not to force passes and make mistakes. Miller has a strong arm but less mobility than Preston. Third-year back-up Kent Petty is A&M's only experienced quarterback, but he played sparingly behind Richardson and Granger. Incoming freshman Corey Pullig has a chance to play, because he's only a year behind the others. A&M hopes to emphasize passing more, particularly with the addition of former Denver Broncos quarterback Gary Kubiak as an assistant. Kubiak quarterbacked the Aggies in 1981 and '82.

A&M still has stronger running backs than receivers. The Aggies arguably have the top three running backs in the SWC in sophomores Greg Hill and Rodney Thomas and incoming freshman Leeland McElroy. Hill set a league record for freshmen with 1,216 yards rushing last season. Thomas is a hard-charging runner who has been compared to former USC All-American Charles White by A&M offensive coordinator Bob Toledo. McElroy was considered the state's top prospect at running back last season.

A&M signed freshman Danny McCray to add speed to its wide receivers corps. McCray is a bona fide track star, but he must improve his catching ability if the Aggies are to have a consistent deep threat who will stretch defenses to their limits. Tony Harrison and Brian Mitchell are steady receivers. The defense will miss Coryatt, the league's 1991 defensive player of the year. Senior linebacker Marcus Buckley will take over as the latest of A&M's great linebackers, a list that includes Johnny Holland, John Roper, Aaron Wallace, William Thomas, and Coryatt.

A&M has realigned its usual man coverage to funnel action to hard-hitting junior safety Patrick Bates (6-4, 225). Sophomore defensive end Sam Adams leads a talented front.

## 2 Texas

The strongest signals of the Longhorns' desire to return to the top of the SWC and stay there were the firing of former coach David McWilliams one year into a five-year contract extension and the hiring of John Mackovic and a replacement staff at a cost of more than $1 million per year. Mackovic will bring to Texas a pro-style offense that is intended to complement a defense that ranked third in the nation last year.

Mackovic's problem is that he'll have to use most of the same players with whom McWilliams suffered in 1991, when Texas was seventh in the league in total offense. His best hope is that several highly regarded freshmen will be ready soon.

Incoming quarterback Shea Morenz of San Angelo, Texas, turned down UCLA and Stanford to play for the Longhorns. Morenz could take over quickly for returning starter Peter Gardere, who was much criticized for his 13 interceptions. He threw only five touchdown passes. However, Gardere wasn't Texas' only offensive problem. The Longhorns struggled with poor receiving, field goal kicking, and line play. Two prized recruits, receivers Lovell Pickney and Mike Adams, also are expected to play quickly.

Mackovic retained McWilliams' defensive coordinator, Leon Fuller, largely because of Fuller's success in rebuilding Texas' defense the last three years. Texas will have more rebuilding to do on its defensive front after losing three starters. Linebacker Anthony Curl, strong safety Lance Gunn, and cornerback Grady Cavness return to anchor a strong defensive backfield.

Mackovic won't have a soft schedule as he tries to rebuild Texas' reputation. He'll open against Mississippi State, coached by Jackie Sherrill, who led the Bulldogs to an upset over Texas last season. Sherrill's teams have won six in a row over Texas; five of those wins came while he was at A&M (1984-88). The Longhorns play at nationally ranked Syracuse and have their annual showdown against Oklahoma in October.

## 3 Texas Tech

The Red Raiders ended last season by winning five of their last six games. They hope to carry that good play over and break the 13-year up-and-down cycle during which they have not posted consecutive winning seasons. Sixth-year Tech coach Spike Dykes thought he had turned the corner with an impressive 9-3 season in 1989, but the Raiders fell

**College Station turns into Hill country when the Aggies' Heisman candidate has the ball. Texas A&M is the favorite in the Southwest.**

to 4-7 during an injury-plagued 1990. Tech's strong finish last year left them at 6-5 for the season.

The catalyst in that comeback was junior quarterback Robert Hall, who started the last six games. Hall replaced an injured Jamie Gill, who has graduated. Hall is another in a long line of players from Dallas' Carter High School who have starred around the country. Hall quarterbacked Carter to a championship in Texas' highest classification in 1988. His Carter classmates included Miami linebacker Jessie Armstead, Florida State defensive back Clifton Abraham, Texas A&M running back Greg Hill, and Baylor linebacker Le'Shai Maston. "I came to Tech because I wanted to come to a program where I could make a difference," Hall says. "I wanted to come to a mediocre team and be part of the group that gets them to the top."

Hall has passed for more than 1,000 yards each of the last two years as a part-time starter. He has an exceptionally quick delivery, and he can also scramble. Hall ran the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds last spring.

Tech's offense hasn't averaged less than 28 points the last five years. Hall will have junior Lloyd Hill as his possession receiver and junior-college transfer Derrell Mitchell (4.3 in the 40) as a deep threat.

Tech's defense will rely on former Carter players as well. Redshirt freshman Shawn Banks will play at linebacker, and three incoming Carter freshmen—linebackers Adrian Roland and Anthony Armour, and defensive back Verone McKinley—should all contribute immediately. Tech also returns senior free safety Tracy Saul, who enters with an SWC career-record 20 interceptions.

## 4 Rice

Owls senior running back Trevor Cobb already is on some Heisman Trophy lists. He'll be a key element for a program that hasn't had a winning season since 1963. Cobb led the SWC with 1,692 yards rushing last season. He doesn't have great speed, but he can break long runs. Cobb's strengths are his hard-hitting style and his stamina which sustains him while he averages more than 30 carries per game. Rice coach Fred Goldsmith says, "He reminds me of [former Heisman winner] Archie Griffin. He's not that big and not that fast, but he's hard to catch and hard to bring down."

Cobb will have more help from transfer quarterback Bert Emanuel. The Owls will run options between the two to take advantage of Emanuel's 4.3 speed in the 40. Emanuel sat out last season after transferring from UCLA; the junior from Houston left UCLA after Tommy Maddox was named starting quarterback. Also considered a top baseball prospect, Emanuel has a much-improved arm with which to operate Rice's one-back offense. "All I've done is throw," Emanuel says. "Everyone who thought I was just a running quarterback may be surprised."

The Owls have won nine games over the last two years, compared to a total of 13 in the previous eight years. Goldsmith's fourth season could be a milestone for the Owls and Cobb. "If we have a winning year Trevor would have a good chance of getting the Heisman, because he'd be the one associated with it," Goldsmith says.

## 5 Baylor

The Bears aren't expecting to be as strong as last year, but they hope to avoid a complete overhaul. The team loses 16 senior starters—mostly in the offensive and defensive lines—but has talented skill-position players returning and a number of promising young players.

Baylor's 8-4 1991 season started a lot stronger than it finished. The Bears beat defending national champion Colorado and were ranked No. 8 in the country before being upset by Rice. Baylor lost four of its last seven games, including the Domino's Copper Bowl against Indiana. The team hopes to

**Cobb is Rice's bread-and-butter guy: A staple on offense, feeding on steady diet of options.**

retool its offense with a healthy backfield to help junior quarterback J.J. Joe. Junior fullback Robert Strait gained 551 yards after missing most of four games. Senior receiver Melvin Bonner finished with 34 catches for 836 yards but was slowed in the second half of the season by a hamstring pull. Senior running back David Mims was third in the SWC with 852 yards rushing. All these players are needed to maintain a balanced offense. Joe is a great distributor, but he struggled when the Bears had to lean too heavily on him.

Baylor's defense will miss departed linemen Sanatana Dotson and Robin Jones. The Bears can count on seniors Albert Fontenot at end and Le'Shai Maston at linebacker to create big plays. The Bears will have an attractive if not overwhelming home schedule. They host Colorado, Georgia Tech, and Texas.

## 6 TCU

Former Auburn assistant Pat Sullivan was the surprise pick to lead the Horned Frogs after Jim Wacker departed for Minnesota. Sullivan inherits several top offensive players from a 7-4 team but will have to get them to adjust from Wacker's one-back offense. Sullivan will use a standard pro-style offense.

The first task is finding a quarterback. Returning senior Leon Clay hopes for better luck and better health. Clay took over as TCU's starter in 1990 but broke his thumb in the sixth game of that season. He broke his leg in the second game last year. Clay missed spring practice, but he is worth he wait.

TCU has few other options, anyway. Sophomore Tim Schade was Clay's replacement, but Schade is also Wacker's nephew. He transferred to Minnesota to join his uncle. That leaves incoming freshman Max Knake as TCU's No. 2 quarterback. Knake was highly regarded and considered a coup for Sullivan's first recruiting class, but he needs more time.

The Frogs lost All-America tight end Kelly Blackwell to graduation, but a horde of top receivers returns. Senior Stephen Shipley (6-5) and junior Richard Woodley (4.4 in the 40) are a great combination of size and speed. Talented junior receiver Kyle McPherson suffered a broken jaw last season on a hit by former Texas A&M linebacker Quentin Coryatt and may switch to defensive back this year. If Sullivan wants to run, he has talented backs in senior Curtis Modkins, sophomore Derrick Cullors, and freshman Jeff Godley, but he must rebuild a weak line.

TCU's defense was fourth in the SWC last year. Two seniors, end Tunji Bolden and safety Tony Rand, will help keep the defense good.

## 7 Houston

The Cougars must re-establish themselves after a disastrous 4-7 record. The once-vaunted run-and-shoot offense was derailed last season. Sophomore transfer Donald Douglas replaces David Klingler at quarterback. Douglas, who started at Florida as a freshman, is an average passer but a great scrambler. Houston coach John Jenkins wants Douglas to throw more, but Douglas may be more effective running the ball once the defense has been spread across the field.

The rest of the Cougars offense lacks experience and depth. The line is questionable again, and no one has established himself at S-back. Houston is only two years removed from a 10-1 season in 1990, but the Cougars seem a long way from achieving such success again anytime soon.

Junior linebacker Ryan McCoy is the only Cougar remaining who made a substantial contribution to that 1990 defense. This year's model may be slightly improved over last year's squad, which gave up 31.3 points per game. The Cougars kicking is very shaky. Sophomore walk-on Chris Maraviglia has never made a field goal. He was 0-3 at Houston's Westfield High School.

## 8 SMU

The Mustangs have been more competitive than many expected since returning from the NCAA's death penalty three years ago, but they still begin their fourth season in critical condition. SMU has its first large senior class (34) and returns 20 starters, but the team is woefully short on overall size, speed, and depth. The Mustangs played several teams close last season. They led Tulsa 26-22 in the fourth quarter before losing 31-26. A loss to SMU is still considered unacceptable—both Division I-A schools that SMU defeated in the last two years fired their coaches after the season: Vanderbilt's Watson Brown in 1990 and Tulane's Greg Davis in 1991.

SMU is looking for a quarterback after three-year starter Mike Romo suffered a knee injury in the third game of 1991. Doctors advised the much-battered Romo to give up playing. Senior Dan Freiburger is penciled in as Romo's replacement, but he, too, is recovering from a knee injury suffered late last season. —DAVID McNABB

### Returning SWC Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donald Douglas (Jr.) | Houston | 1 | 39 | 57 | 520 | 4 |
| J.J. Joe (Jr.) | Baylor | 4 | 109 | 206 | 1,853 | 7 |
| Robert Hall (Jr.) | Texas Tech | 5 | 111 | 220 | 1,788 | 10 |
| Greg Willig (Sr.) | Rice | 7 | 75 | 141 | 974 | 5 |
| Josh LaRocca (So.) | Rice | 10 | 54 | 108 | 664 | 4 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trevor Cobb (Sr.) | Rice | 1 | 360 | 1,692 | 4.7 | 14 |
| Greg Hill (So.) | Texas A&M | 2 | 240 | 1,216 | 5.1 | 12 |
| David Mims (Sr.) | Baylor | 3 | 148 | 852 | 5.8 | 3 |
| Robert Strait (Jr.) | Baylor | 4 | 99 | 551 | 5.6 | 6 |
| Butch Hadnot (So.) | Texas | 5 | 109 | 501 | 4.6 | 3 |
| Rongea Hill (Sr.) | SMU | 6 | 168 | 663 | 3.9 | 6 |
| Curtis Modkins (Sr.) | TCU | 7 | 181 | 659 | 3.6 | 6 |
| John Henry (Jr.) | Baylor | 9 | 95 | 521 | 5.5 | 6 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fred Gilbert (Sr.) | Houston | 1 | 106 | 957 | 9.0 | 7 |
| Jason Wolf (Sr.) | SMU | 4 | 59 | 565 | 9.6 | 4 |
| Korey Beard (Sr.) | SMU | 5 | 41 | 490 | 12.0 | 1 |
| Mick Rossley (So.) | SMU | 6 | 42 | 416 | 9.9 | 2 |
| Stephen Shipley (Sr.) | TCU | 7 | 34 | 454 | 13.4 | 2 |
| Bruce Hill (Jr.) | Texas Tech | 8 | 33 | 641 | 19.4 | 2 |
| Darrick Duke (Sr.) | Texas | 9 | 35 | 497 | 14.2 | 3 |
| Melvin Bonner (Sr.) | Baylor | 10 | 34 | 836 | 24.6 | 4 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

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- ☐ 7540 Gary Sheffield
- ☐ 7593 Ozzie Smith
- ☐ 7514 Tom Brunansky
- ☐ 7598 Vince Coleman
- ☐ 7574 Ryne Sandberg
- ☐ 7595 Andre Dawson
- ☐ 7508 Mark Grace
- ☐ 7504 Jerome Walton
- ☐ 7552 Kirk Gibson
- ☐ 7512 Orel Hershiser
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- ☐ 7478 Rex Chapman
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# Western Athletic

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. San Diego State
2. Brigham Young
3. Air Force
4. Utah
5. Fresno State
6. Hawaii
7. Wyoming
8. Texas-El Paso
9. Colorado State
10. New Mexico

Things definitely will be different this season in the Western Athletic Conference. Brigham Young University will spend fall practice deciding who will replace Ty Detmer and try to lead the Cougars to their fourth straight league crown, while several rising powers and a couple of darkhorses will try to unseat BYU in 1992.

San Diego State, the rising power of the conference, will manage to win its second WAC crown—if the Aztecs can manage to win in Provo on September 10. But pass-happy BYU has plenty of talent returning. Air Force, led by defensive back Carlton McDonald, is coming off back-to-back Liberty Bowl victories. Fresno State, the longtime kingpin of the Big West Conference, will be playing its first season in the WAC this season.

### 1 San Diego State

The Aztecs soared through the season by combining a potent passing game behind quarterback Dave Lowery and a running game behind freshman sensation and First Team All-American Marshall Faulk, who wasn't even mentioned in most preseason guides but ripped through opponents for 1,429 yards in only nine games.

All that stands between Al Luginbill's club and a trip to their hometown Holiday Bowl are some answers to some defensive questions—and BYU.

### 1991 WAC Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| BYU | 7 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| San Diego St. | 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| Air Force | 6 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 0 |
| Utah | 4 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 0 |
| Hawaii | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Wyoming | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Texas-El Paso | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Colorado St. | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| New Mexico | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| Fresno State* | — | — | — | 10 | 2 | 0 |

Air Force defeated Mississippi State 38-15 in the Liberty Bowl.
BYU tied Iowa 13-13 in the Sea World Holiday Bowl.
San Diego St. lost to Tulsa 28-17 in the Freedom Bowl.
Fresno St. lost to Bowling Green 28-21 in the California Raisin Bowl.
*Was not a member of the conference in 1991.

The Aztecs gave up 30.1 points per game and allowed BYU to rally for a 52-52 tie that kept the WAC title in Provo. San Diego State was ranked No. 1 in the conference against the run but allowed more yards through the air than any other team. This season eight players return on defense, including all five players in a battle-tested secondary, and Luginbill hopes the experience will mean improvement. Terrill Steen is the only returning linebacker, while the defensive line will be anchored by cousins George and Sebastian Glaze.

Offensively, the Aztecs were almost as prolific as BYU. Detmer's Cougars gained 5,754 yards; the Aztecs were just 15 yards behind. Faulk stormed onto the scene, while Wayne Pittman had a good but forgotten freshman season himself with 606 yards.

Lowery paced the passing game with 2,575 yards, and one of his favorite targets returns in sophomore wideout Darnay Scott, who had 727 yards catching. Three starters also return to the offensive line. This looks like the Aztecs' year to win the conference, and Faulk even has a chance to win the WAC's second Heisman Trophy.

### 2 Brigham Young

LaVell Edwards enters his 21st year as coach of the Cougars with a combination of experience and question marks.

After three years of Ty Detmer at quarterback, there will be a definite quarterback battle this fall between five candidates—John Walsh, Tom Young, Brock Spencer, Ryan Hancock, and Steve Clements. Walsh backed up Detmer last season but only had 94 yards of passing in mop-up duty. Young, the brother of San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young; Clements, a transfer from the University of Texas; and Spencer are coming off of redshirt years.

Whoever earns the No. 1 quarterback spot will have plenty of experience surrounding him. Eric Drage and Micah Matsuzaki both return at wide receiver. Also back is All-WAC tight end Byron Rex. Jamal Willis, who showed a lot of potential as a freshman, will lead the running attack. Garry Pay, Eli Herring, and Scott Brumfield will anchor the offensive line.

Defensively, the Cougars have holes to fill at linebacker and in the secondary, but the entire defensive line—Lenny Gomes, Greg Pitts, and Randy Brock—return. Shad Hansen, a second-team All-WAC performer, is the lone returning linebacker, while Derwin Gray will return to lead a young defensive backfield.

### 3 Air Force

The Falcons' strength this season will be that coach Fisher DeBerry returns eight starters to his defensive unit, which was ranked No. 3 in the WAC last season.

Heading the list is cornerback Carlton McDonald, who led the league with six interceptions, and junior linebacker Vergil Simpson, who had 12 sacks last season. Alex Armour and Eldrick Hill will join McDonald to form a veteran secondary, while Mark Moody returns at linebacker. Chris James, Tony Cates, and Matt Newby return to anchor the defensive front.

Jarvis Baker had some playing time last season at QB and will be counted on to replace Rob Perez, while fullback Chris Gray will join returning halfbacks Obasi Onuoha and Wayne Young in the Cadets' wishbone backfield.

### 4 Utah

The onetime defensive doormats in the league finished with the conference's top defense, allowing 371.6 yards per game. The Utes also led the conference with 54 sacks.

However, they will have to replace Jim Bellamy, the conference's leader in sacks, and LaVon Edwards, who led the league in passes broken up. Defensive backs Reggie Alston and Sharrief Shaf and defensive lineman Dave Chaytors return as the Utes hope to climb to a WAC title or a possible bowl bid.

On offense, All-WAC wide receiver Bryan Rowley returns after grabbing 60 passes for 1,011 yards and 11 touchdowns, while Frank Dolce will be back at quarterback after throwing for 2,444 yards last season. The running game will be in good shape with junior Keith Williams (1,066 yards) and junior Charlie Brown (382 yards).

The Utes will be a threat to win the league this season, or at least to get the bowl bid that eluded them last year.

### 5 Fresno State

The Bulldogs, who had won six titles and three of the last four while playing in the Big West Conference, will be making their initial campaign in the WAC this season.

Coach Jim Sweeney's team isn't likely to falter too much in the new league, considering that the Bulldogs played and regularly beat WAC teams in nonleague games in recent years. A conference title in the Bulldogs' first year of WAC competition may be a little too much to ask for, but FSU could be a dark horse.

On offense, Ron Rivers and Lorenzo Neal return at running back after gaining 989 and 837 yards, respectively, last season to complement the Bulldogs' passing game. Almost by default, Fresno State will have experience at quarterback this season. Trent Dilfer and Brian Rowe both saw considerable time when Mark Barsotti went down with a broken leg. Fresno also returns three starters to the offensive line, but the team will be inexperienced at wide receiver.

Defensively, the Bulldogs will have to mature in a

**The Aztecs sacrifice nothing when they hand the ball off to Heisman candidate Faulk.**

hurry, with only two starters returning. The unit will be led by All-Big West right tackle Zack Rix, the team's leader in sacks. Earl Oliver is back at defensive end.

## 6 Hawaii

The Rainbows struggled defensively last season and were the worst team in the league in pass defense. With that added to injuries, coach Bob Wagner's team stumbled to a 4-7-1 season (3-5 in the WAC).

Michael Carter, a junior, returns to quarterback the Rainbows' run-and-shoot offense. Carter rushed for 1,092 yards and passed for 1,172. His main problem was passing efficiency. He had only four TDs through the air to go with 11 interceptions. He also completed just 40% of his passes.

Wagner hopes that with a year of maturity Carter can direct a young offense with consistency. Either Eddie Kealoha or Travis Sims will be the running back, while slotback Marlowe Lewis will lead the wideout corps.

Defensively, the Rainbows hope to find some improvement. Maa Tanuvasa and Junior Tagaoi will lead the defensive line. The Rainbows hope that getting defensive back Bryan Addison and linebacker Terry Whitaker back after both missed considerable time last season will be a plus. However, there are too many question marks for the Rainbows this season to hope for much more than a middle-of-the-pack finish.

## 7 Wyoming

The Cowboys struggled under first-year coach Joe Tiller. The team was constantly being depleted by injuries, which eventually knocked out eight defensive starters for the season.

Eight starters return on defense. In addition, middle linebacker Jared Thiele and defensive tackle Thomas Williams, who both saw considerable action in 1990, are back. Linebacking appears to be the strength for the Cowboys with Thiele and returning starters Cory Talich, Tom Kramer, Chad Cahoon, and Mike Gaines, while the secondary should also be solid with Paul Wallace, Junior Marcellus, and Brian Bowker. Wyoming is also deep on the defensive line.

Six players return on offense, but the main focus will be to find a replacement for Second Team All-WAC quarterback Tom Corontzos. Sophomore John Gustin, redshirt freshman Scott Jones, and junior-college transfer Joe Hughes will battle for the position.

Ryan Yarborough should provide a solid target for the winner of the quarterback derby. He had 1,081 yards receiving and caught 13 TDs last year. At running back, Dwight Driver will be back after being injured early last season. Terrance Hendricks gained 815 yards in '91.

## 8 Texas-El Paso

UTEP led the conference in pass defense while allowing just three touchdowns per game behind the play of two All-WAC players, linebacker Barron Wortham (149 tackles, 11 for loss) and defensive lineman Ricki Massey—both of whom return this season. Six other players also return to the defensive unit.

The Miners' run-and-shoot offense struggled to find the endzone and was dead last in the league in total offense. But the two leading components, quarterback Mike Perez and running back Kenny Brown, return to add maturity to the unit. With a rebuilt offensive line and new wideouts, the Miners hope to find more consistency.

## 9 Colorado State

Last season was a major disappointment for Rams fans. After finishing with a 9-4 record and a bowl win in 1990, Colorado State saw its fortunes slip in 1991. The Rams gave up 33.6 points per game and forced only 11 turnovers the whole season while giving up the ball 35 times. That kind of turnover differential won't win many ball games, and no team knows that better than Colorado State.

This season will probably be a rebuilding year for coach Earle Bruce. The offense will be centered around All-WAC receiver Greg Primus, who caught 67 passes for 1,081 yards last season. The ground game will be led by fullback John Ivlow, who had 341 yards last season. He figures to be joined in the backfield by either Leonice Brown or Pat Ingrassia. Three players—tackle Jason Basso, and guards Pat Meyer and Bob Cox—are back on the offensive line.

Defensively, the Rams welcome back middle linebacker Otis Hamilton, who led the team in tackles with 99 last season. Kevin Lynch and Steve Norton return to the defensive line, while outside linebackers Brian Schneider and Kareem Ingram figure to see plenty of playing time. In the defensive backfield, the Rams must replace three starters. Sylvester Mabry is the only returnee.

## 10 New Mexico

The Lobos fired Mike Shepherd last season and hired Dennis Franchione, who had been at Southwest Texas State, as the program's 27th head coach—a program that has only had five winning seasons since 1965.

Franchione will implement a 3-4 defense and try to run a one-back offense. Seven starters return to the offense. Either Stoney Case or Marcus Goodloe will earn the start at quarterback, with Carl Winston likely to be their favorite target. He caught a league-leading 76 passes for 1,177 yards.

Defensively, the Lobos have nowhere to go but up. They ranked 106th in the country last season—allowing opponents an average of 524.6 yards per game, 315.3 of those on the ground.

—TOM CHRISTENSEN

### Returning WAC Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| David Lowery (Jr.) | San Diego St. | 3 | 176 | 311 | 2,575 | 19 |
| Frank Dolce (Sr.) | Utah | 4 | 177 | 314 | 2,444 | 16 |
| Mike Perez (Jr.) | UTEP | 6 | 131 | 265 | 1,913 | 10 |
| Cree Morris (Jr.) | San Diego St. | 8 | 51 | 122 | 675 | 3 |
| Michael Carter (Jr.) | Hawaii | 9 | 81 | 205 | 1,172 | 4 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marshall Faulk (So.) | San Diego St. | 1 | 201 | 1,429 | 7.1 | 21 |
| Michael Carter (Jr.) | Hawaii | 4 | 221 | 1,092 | 4.9 | 16 |
| Keith Williams (Jr.) | Utah | 5 | 207 | 1,066 | 5.1 | 6 |
| Terrance Hendricks (So.) | Wyoming | 7 | 164 | 815 | 5.0 | 7 |
| Wayne Pittman (So.) | San Diego St. | 8 | 135 | 606 | 4.5 | 2 |
| Jamel Willis (So.) | BYU | 10 | 86 | 520 | 6.0 | 6 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carl Winston (Jr.) | New Mexico | 1 | 76 | 1,177 | 15.5 | 7 |
| Greg Primus (Sr.) | Colorado St. | 2 | 67 | 1,081 | 16.1 | 8 |
| Bryan Rowley (Sr.) | Utah | 5 | 60 | 1,011 | 16.9 | 11 |
| Ryan Yarborough (So.) | Wyoming | 6 | 53 | 1,081 | 20.4 | 13 |
| Eric Drage (Jr.) | BYU | 8 | 46 | 1,018 | 22.1 | 10 |
| Matt Swenson (Sr.) | Wyoming | 10 | 36 | 422 | 11.7 | 0 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

# Big West

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Nevada
2. San Jose State
3. Pacific
4. Utah State
5. Nevada-Las Vegas
6. New Mexico State
7. Fullerton State

They call this conference the Big West, but it might better be known as the Big Switch. Change has rumbled through this league like a California earthquake, which could mean a few surprises in the title chase this season.

Gone are Fresno State and Long Beach State. Coach Jim Sweeney's Fresno State Bulldogs, who played in five out of 11 California Raisin Bowl games since its inaugural in 1981, are heading to the Western Athletic Conference. Faced with mounting budget problems, Long Beach's 49ers, under coach Willie Brown, closed the book on their football program in 1991. The 49ers went out in true Big West style, dropping a 37-36 shootout with Fullerton State on Nov. 23.

Jumping into the conference for 1992 is the University of Nevada, which plays its home games in the recently expanded 26,000-seat Mackay Stadium in Reno. The Wolf Pack steamrolled through the Big Sky Conference last year en route to an 11-0 record.

Also gone is the California Raisin Bowl. With the host city of Fresno now aligned with the WAC, the Raisin Bowl has withered on the vine. Las Vegas is hoping to capitalize on the Raisin Bowl's demise. Organizers hope to unveil the Silver Bowl in December and at least in the early going plan to maintain the Raisin Bowl's commitment to inviting the champions of the Big West and the Mid-American Conference. If approved, the game would be played in the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, the 32,000-seat home of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Gone too are three of last year's Big West head coaches. Terry Shea has left San Jose State and has been replaced by Ron Turner; Charlie Weatherby, formerly an offensive coordinator at Arkansas, has taken over for Chuck Shelton at Utah State; and Shelton has replaced Walt Harris in the top spot at the University of the Pacific.

### 1991 Big West Standings

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Fresno St. | 6 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| San Jose St. | 6 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| Utah St. | 5 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Pacific | 4 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 |
| UNLV | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| New Mexico St. | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Long Beach St. | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Fullerton St. | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Nevada* | — | — | — | 11 | 0 | 0 |

Fresno State lost to Bowling Green 28-21 in the California Raisin Bowl.
*Was not a member of the conference in 1991.

All-America tackle Pourdanesh will prevent pass-rushers from hounding Wolf Pack QBs.

### 1 Nevada

The Wolf Pack were undefeated in their final Big Sky Conference season and were ranked No. 1 in the nation among Division I-AA schools most of the year. A missed field goal on the final play of the game prevented Nevada from defeating Youngstown State—the eventual national champion—in the Division I-AA playoffs.

Nevada racked up big numbers on offense all season long, and 1992 sees the return of virtually every skill-position player. Senior Fred Gatlin and junior Chris Vargas shared the quarterback duties last season, amassing 3,578 yards passing between them in 11 regular-season games. Gatlin started most games; Vargas was the relief ace the Pack went to when Gatlin was ineffective.

Nevada also returns two of their three top receivers, junior Brian Reeves, who had 62 catches for 932 yards and five touchdowns, and junior Chris Singleton, who averaged 20.8 yards a catch and scored eight touchdowns. In addition, Reeves was an All-Big Sky Conference return specialist, accounting for more than 1,500 all-purpose yards.

Injuries kept the Pack's running backs from having career seasons. Returning sophomore Dedrick Holmes rushed for 773 yards in eight games, while junior Zeke Moore had 558 yards in six games.

The defensive secondary is solid, with two-time All-Big Sky defensive back Brock Marion leading the way. Also returning will be seniors Forey Duckett and Xavier Kairy, as well as nickel back William Lackey. The three had 15 interceptions between them.

Reno's weakness is its offensive line, which returns only one player—but Shahriar Pourdanesh

happens to be a First Team Division I-AA All-America tackle. Coach Chris Ault, last year's winner of the Eddie Robinson Award for the top coach in Division I-AA, has concentrated on recruiting linemen.

Although there are a few question marks for a team playing its inaugural season in the conference, don't look for the Wolf Pack to falter. Nevada has tradition—just ask Nevada-Las Vegas, which lost to the Wolf Pack 50-8—and the team is accustomed to winning. The Wolf Pack have posted a 25-3 record over the last three years.

## 2 San Jose State

If Nevada gets Big West stage fright, count on San Jose State to claim the crown. Next to Fresno State, San Jose State has had the greatest success in the conference. The Spartans made four trips to the California Raisin Bowl, and they finished as co-champions in the league last season; but they lost the bowl bid to Fresno State when the Bulldogs took a 31-28 win. If it comes down to an end-of-the-season showdown with Nevada this year, the Spartans could have the edge—San Jose State hosts the Wolf Pack Nov. 7 in a game that many say could decide the Big West championship.

The Spartans return junior signal-caller Jeff Garcia, who finished third in the nation in passing efficiency last year, with 99 completions in 160 attempts for 1,519 yards and just five interceptions. Garcia will line up behind three-year letterman Nick Trammer at center, the anchor of a line that pushed San Jose State to 26 touchdowns on the ground last season.

The Spartans performed well on defense, using quickness to keep enemy running attacks in check. San Jose State yielded only 151 rushing yards per game, best in the Big West. The defense will be led by first team all-conference linebacker Ray Bowles, plus seniors Anthony Washington, Kevin O'Connell, and Phil Lobsinger.

A key to San Jose State's success this year could be how well the team adjusts to new coach Ron Turner's system.

## 3 Pacific

Last year Pacific finished second in the Big West in total offense and first in the league in passing, but the Tigers also finished last in the league in rushing defense and total defense.

Coach Chuck Shelton, who always fielded solid defensive teams at Utah State, will try to improve on the defensive side of the ball while hoping the offense carries on where it left off. Conference total offense leader Troy Kopp—three times the Big West player of the week last season—will be back for his senior season and will have Aaron Turner, the Big West's leading receiver in 1991, as his leading target. Turner caught 92 passes for 1,604 yards—500 yards more than the league's No. 2 receiver—and 18 touchdowns. Kopp had 3,767 yards passing last season.

Pacific will also have Ryan Benjamin, who led the Big West in rushing, with an average of 7 yards per carry last season for 1,581 yards. Senior offensive tackle Greg Bishop (6-6, 270) anchors the offensive line for the Tigers.

However, the problem is Pacific's woeful defense. The line is small, averaging only 230 pounds. Shelton is hoping that experience will pay off for the Tigers, because 10 defensive starters return in 1992. Key returnees are defensive lineman Shawn Price, outside linebacker Grant Carter, and defensive back Jeff Russell.

## 4 Utah State

Chuck Shelton built Utah State into a Big West contender, but now it will be up to former Arkansas coordinator Charlie Weatherby to take the Aggies to the next level and a possible league title in the future.

Offensively, Weatherby will have to come up with a replacement for running back Roger Grant (1,017 yards) and choose from five different candidates to replace Ron Lopez, who passed for 2,221 yards last season. The good news for Utah State is that its offensive line is basically intact. Junior tackle Jaceson Maughan (6-4, 268) and senior center Warren Bowers will lead the line.

Defensively, Weatherby will look to junior inside linebacker Jermaine Younger, senior defensive back Israel Byrd, and junior free safety Damon Smith to lead the Aggies. Smith has nine career interceptions in his two years with Utah State.

## 5 Nevada-Las Vegas

Nevada-Las Vegas is in a 4-7 rut—the team has finished with that mark the last four seasons. The Running Rebels' 2-5 Big West record in 1991 was their worst finish since 1982.

Jim Strong will begin his third UNLV campaign with a nucleus of speedy sophomores—wide receiver Henry Bailey (37 catches for 595 yards and four touchdowns), Matt Wills (4.1 yards per carry), and Rodney Mazion, who had a 96-yard interception return for a touchdown against the University of New Mexico.

Other Rebels leaders will be junior cornerback Auntwan Armstrong, senior punter Brian Parvin, senior offensive guard John Hurley, and sophomore linebacker Keith Washington.

Four UNLV signees are expected to have an immediate impact on the program. Three are junior-college transfers: linebacker Jason Medlock, quarterback Bob Stockham (6-4, 200), and defensive lineman William (Tiger) Townes (6-5, 270). Freshman Omar Love rounds out the quartet of newcomers.

## 6 New Mexico State

The Southern Aggies will return nine offensive starters and six defensive starters. That's the good news for third-year coach Jim Hess. The bad news is that the Aggies have won only three games in the past two seasons.

Three of the team's top four rushers from 1991 will be back in 1992: senior fullback Billy Borten, sophomore quarterback Cody Ledbetter, and junior running back Brian Pizula.

Defensive leaders will include senior tackle Sam Austrino, junior safety Donald Stowers, and senior end George Tuioti (6-5, 260).

## 7 Fullerton State

It's been an uphill climb for Gene Murphy and his Titans. The football program was scrapped in January 1990. Murphy urged all the players he had recruited to find new schools. Then, about 10 days later, the program was reinstated. The Titans coaching staff suddenly found itself with a huge new recruitment problem, and Murphy figured it would take at least three years to recover. At the end of 1991, Fullerton had only 38 players on the roster.

Now, however, there is new enthusiasm. The Titans will open their home season in a new stadium. In addition the team will take on some real college football titans in 1992—Georgia and UCLA—and Murphy plans to try a new offensive scheme with either a veer, a wishbone, or some other option offense.

The interior line is basically intact. Two of the Fullerton newcomers will be offensive tackle Ben Siliga (6-1, 305) and tight end Jeff Williamson, son of Fred (the Hammer) Williamson.

—TOM CHRISTENSEN

### Returning Big West Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeff Garcia (Jr.) | San Jose St. | 2 | 99 | 160 | 1,519 | 12 |
| Troy Kopp (Sr.) | Pacific | 3 | 275 | 449 | 3,767 | 37 |
| Dave Henigan (Jr.) | Pacific | 4 | 24 | 46 | 350 | 5 |
| Trent Dilfer (So.) | Fresno St. | 6 | 69 | 109 | 832 | 2 |
| Mike McCoy (So.) | Long Beach St. | 10 | 79 | 173 | 930 | 7 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Benjamin (Sr.) | Pacific | 1 | 226 | 1,581 | 7.0 | 13 |
| Ron Rivers (Jr.) | Fresno St. | 3 | 134 | 904 | 7.3 | 5 |
| Arthur Davis (Sr.) | Fullerton St. | 6 | 176 | 683 | 3.9 | 4 |
| Lorenzo Neal (Sr.) | Fresno St. | 7 | 181 | 759 | 4.2 | 8 |
| Anthony Daigle (Jr.) | Fresno St. | 10 | 102 | 509 | 5.0 | 10 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aaron Turner (Sr.) | Pacific | 1 | 92 | 1,604 | 17.4 | 18 |
| Ryan Benjamin (Sr.) | Pacific | 5 | 51 | 612 | 12.0 | 3 |
| Todd Cutler (Sr.) | New Mexico St. | 6 | 44 | 718 | 16.3 | 2 |
| Ezell Brown (Sr.) | New Mexico St. | 7 | 39 | 470 | 12.0 | 1 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

# Pac-10

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Washington
2. USC
3. Stanford
4. UCLA
5. California
6. Washington State
7. Arizona State
8. Arizona
9. Oregon
10. Oregon State

And you thought last season was interesting, what with Washington gunning for the national championship, or at least a portion thereof, California invading the top 10 and winning a big New Year's Day bowl game, and Southern Cal falling from the ranks of the mighty with a resounding thud. Well, that was nothing compared to what went on during the offseason.

Arizona State fired its coach, Larry Marmie, and looked no further than within the conference for a replacement, California's Bruce Snyder. That touched off a howl of protest in the Bay Area, as folks up there wondered how Snyder, who completely rebuilt the Golden Bears' program in five years, could abandon such a cultural oasis for cactus and gila monsters (and lots of golf courses and better facilities and, oh yeah, a hefty increase in salary).

Figuring that if ASU can hire from within the conference then it could, too, Cal raided the staff of Washington coach Don James to hire the Huskies' offensive coordinator, Keith Gilbertson, as head coach. However, all of this was a mere prelude to the biggest move of all.

After Dennis Green led Stanford to a successful 8-3 season and a berth in the Aloha Bowl, he became an awfully hot commodity. A former assistant with the San Francisco 49ers under Bill Walsh, Green always had expressed a desire to return to the NFL. That desire was fulfilled when the Minnesota Vikings hired Green to take over from Jerry Burns as head coach.

The Stanford coaching job didn't remain open very long. In a move that sent tremors through the college football world, Walsh, late of NBC, turned down an administrative position with the 49ers and took the Stanford job, which he had held in the late 1970s. Even Stanford's athletic director, Ted Leland, was flabbergasted. "I'm a little surprised a guy of this stature is coming back to Stanford," he said. Another point of view was offered by a Stanford booster, who said, "This is the greatest thing that could have happened."

Walsh's presence should mean continued and even enhanced success for the Cardinal program, but the team to beat in the Pac-10 is still Washington. In addition, after its momentary slump, USC should be back with a vengeance. If you're looking for a surprise team, try Washington State, which only needs a passable defense to complement its high-powered offense.

### 1 Washington

The Huskies culminated the most glorious year in the school's football history with a victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl to go 12-0 and earn a share of the national championship with Miami.

After he downplayed the subject going into the season, Huskies coach Don James conceded that the national championship "got to be a pretty big issue with everyone. It became a goal, and it became an attainable goal. I think everyone kind of enjoyed the pressure of going week-to-week."

Well, guess what? Despite several key losses, including much-decorated defensive lineman Steve Emtman—who chose to skip his senior year in favor of the NFL draft—little of that pressure will be alleviated. Great accomplishments lead to great expectations, and James knows it might be harder the second time around. "We were a big target," he says. "We'll be an even bigger target."

Nevertheless, the Huskies are equipped to win yet another Pac-10 championship, and perhaps do even more.

Most teams have trouble locating one decent quarterback; the Huskies have two. After Mark Brunell, who led Washington to a 10-2 record in 1990, went down with a knee injury last spring, Billy Joe Hobert stepped in. All Hobert did was help guide the Huskies to the promised land while finishing second in the Pac-10 in passing efficiency (173 of 285, 60.7%, 2,271 yards, 22 touchdowns, 10 interceptions). Brunell saw spot action last year and even provided effective relief for Hobert in the Rose Bowl. James describes what he's got as a "situation you could probably coach 100 years and wouldn't have occur like this again."

The Huskies should be well stocked at other positions. Beno Bryant (943 yards, 8 TDs), Jay Barry (718 yards, 10 TDs), and Napoleon Kaufman give Washington a dazzling 1-2-3 tailback combination. One rebuilding area is wide receiver, where Mario Bailey—who led the league in receiving yardage and had 17 touchdown catches—and Orlando McKay will be missed. Senior tackle Lincoln Kennedy returns to anchor what is a stout offensive line.

As potent as the Huskies have been on offense, the defense must take the most credit for the team's success. Last year Washington yielded just 101 points and placed five players on the All Pac-10 defensive team. One of those, of course, was Emtman, who can't be replaced. "He impacted everybody's game plan," James says. "He helped guys around him play better."

Linebackers Donald Jones and Chico Fraley also will be absent, as will cornerback Dana Hall, but linebacker Dave Hoffmann, cornerback Walter Bailey—who had seven interceptions—and safety Tommie Smith are back. James says his big concern is the pass rush, but he believes his secondary, even without Hall, will be more adept at coverage.

Placekicker Travis Hanson had a higher percentage on field goals than did his more celebrated brother, Jason, at Washington State.

### 2 USC

First the good news: The Trojans return 18 starters. The last time that happened was in 1989, when USC went 9-2-1, won the Rose Bowl, and was ranked No. 8 in the nation. Now the bad news: All of those starters are coming back from a team that went 3-8, the worst record at Southern Cal since 1957.

Nevertheless, the good should far outweigh the bad in this 100th season of football at USC. "Last year is behind us," says Trojans coach Larry Smith. "We have a lot of hungry players who are looking forward to 1992. We're older and more mature now, and we must take advantage of that."

In truth, the Trojans probably weren't as bad as their record indicated. They played what might have been the nation's toughest schedule (six bowl teams; five top-25 squads) and lost four games by six points or less. Smith acknowledges that USC must get better play out of the quarterback position, where returning QBs Reggie Perry (51.4%, 1,574 yards, 3 TDs, 12 interceptions) and Rob Johnson were less than scintillating. "We need to find a quarterback who will consistently get us in the end zone," says Smith, who will begin his sixth season as Trojans coach. "Reggie improved dramatically last season. It's important that he puts it all together."

Fortunately the quarterback's burden will be lessened by a running game that should be up to USC standards. Estrus Crayton gained 405 yards on just 69 carries (a 5.9 average) in a great second half of the season. He will team with Deon Strother (614 yards) to give USC two outstanding tailbacks. The line features the usual assortment of behemoths, including tackle Tony Roselli, an All-America candidate.

When the Trojans feel like throwing, plenty of targets are available. The top six wide receivers are back, including Johnnie Morton (49 catches, 13.5 average) and Curtis Conway (934 all-purpose yards), as are the three leading tight ends.

Defensively, USC is changing its style after the team finished seventh in the conference in yards per game and points allowed. "We'll play a wild and crazy style, attacking people more," Smith says. "We want to become a big-play, score-prevention defense. We want an aggressive, attacking style, stunting and blitzing a lot. We want our defensive players going berserk."

Smith's plan will be facilitated by the return of nine starters, including David Webb, who plays a hybrid tackle-outside linebacker position. He's joined by outside linebacker Willie McGinest and safety Stephon Pace.

Cole Ford (7 of 12 field goal attempts) will handle

### 1991 Pac-10 Standings

| School | Conference W | Conference L | Conference T | Overall W | Overall L | Overall T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 8 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| California | 6 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| UCLA | 6 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Stanford | 6 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Arizona State | 4 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Washington State | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Arizona | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| USC | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Oregon | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Oregon State | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 |

Washington defeated Michigan 34-14 in the Rose Bowl.
California defeated Clemson 37-13 in the Citrus Bowl.
UCLA defeated Illinois 6-3 in the John Hancock Bowl.
Stanford lost to Georgia Tech 18-17 in the Aloha Bowl.

**Hobert [12] and the Huskies will be gunning for an outright national title this season after having to share the crown with Miami last year.**

the placekicking, but the Trojans will break in a new punter, probably freshman John Stonehouse.

## 3 Stanford

It's being billed as the Bill Walsh Era, Part II, and hopes are high at Stanford that the second time around will be even better than the first.

Part I covered the 1977 and 1978 seasons, when Walsh—then a relative unknown in coaching—guided Stanford to records of 9-3 and 7-4 and berths in the Sun Bowl and the Bluebonnet Bowl. Now that Walsh is back after he coached the San Francisco 49ers to three Super Bowl titles and gained the label of "genius," even more is expected in Part II. "I think we can be a very solid Pac-10 contender in 1992," Walsh says. "If players emerge who can fill the voids created through graduation, then we feel very optimistic."

Gone are three of the top four receivers, including fullback Tommy (Touchdown) Vardell, and offensive tackle Bob Whitfield, who opted to enter the NFL draft early. Despite the losses, Walsh should feel pretty good about his returnees.

Quarterback Steve Stenstrom (60.4%, 1,683 yards, 15 TDs), who led the Cardinal to seven straight victories and was the best in the Pac-10 passing efficiency, should flourish under someone who coached a fellow named Joe Montana. Also returning is running back Glyn Milburn, who is being pushed for All-America and possibly Heisman Trophy honors after he gained 1,514 all-purpose yards in 1991. Four starting offensive linemen are back, too.

Despite going with relatively new receivers, Walsh says: "We expect to be more of a pass-oriented offense." Given his track record with the passing game, that can't be good news for the rest of the conference.

Neither is the return of 10 starters to a defensive unit that showed marked improvement last season, when it yielded just 325 yards a game, fourth best in the league. The key player is outside linebacker Ron George, who has racked up 18 sacks over the past two years. "I think our defense can be one of the best in the Pac-10," says Walsh. "Ron George is one of the top outside linebackers in the country. He will be the central figure on the defense." Others to watch include outside linebacker Dave Garnett, defensive tackles Estevan Avila and Tyrone Parker, and cornerback Darrien Gordon.

If worse comes to worse, the Cardinal can always try to sneak their staff into uniform. Four of Walsh's former players were named assistants—Bill Ring (running backs), Mike Wilson (wide receivers/tight ends), Keena Turner (outside linebackers), and Tom Holmoe (defensive backs).

## 4 UCLA

The Bruins bounced back last year, when they went 8-3 during the regular season and beat Illinois in the John Hancock Bowl. This followed seasons of 3-7-1 and 5-6 that had some wondering if head coach Terry Donahue had lost his touch.

Although that question has been answered, another was created: How does UCLA replace quarterback Tommy Maddox, who unexpectedly left after his sophomore year to enter the NFL draft? Maddox completed 192 passes in 315 attempts (61%) for 2,505 yards and 16 touchdowns. He was considered to be on the brink of superstardom—perhaps another Troy Aikman—but he also was judged by many observers to be far too young and inexperienced for the NFL, as his 1991 total of 15 interceptions demonstrates. That's why his decision came as such a shock. "There isn't anybody who loves UCLA football who isn't very disappointed to have Tommy leave the football program," Donahue says. "He helped rebuild the program, helped lead us to a 9-3 season. No one wants to lose their starting quarterback. [But] things have changed.

"Having never been a visible athlete, having never been in his position, it's not my job to pass judgment. It's my job to sit in support, but I certainly tried as hard as I could to [point out the benefits of staying in college], as any coach would. No one at UCLA wanted to lose Tommy Maddox, least of all me."

So what was regarded as a potential championship season is now a season of the unknown. At least the Bruins aren't destitute without Maddox. Running back Kevin Williams rushed for 1,089 yards and averaged 6.5 yards per carry, and wide receiver Sean LaChapelle—who almost bolted along with Maddox before changing his mind—caught 68 passes for 987 yards and 11 touchdowns. "I am optimistic about the 1992 season," says Donahue, who probably has no choice. "Last year we returned UCLA to its accustomed level of success, and we plan on keeping the program at that level."

One benefit of Maddox leaving was that the Bruins were able to sign highly touted recruit Ryan Fein, who changed his mind about enrolling at

Texas at the last minute. Fein should compete this fall with sophomore Wayne Cook and redshirt freshman Rob Walker. The new quarterback will be protected by a top-flight offensive line led by tackles Vaughn Parker and Craig Novitsky.

The defense, which improved dramatically in 1991 and was especially effective against the run, lost several key performers. However, six starters return, including end Mike Chalenski, inside linebacker Arnold Ale, safety Othello Henderson, and cornerback Carlton Gray, who led the Pac-10 with 10 interceptions.

Louis Perez made good on 15 of 21 field goal attempts last year, including 10 of his final 12.

## 5 California

Last year the Golden Bears went 10-2, hammered Clemson in the Florida Citrus Bowl, and finished the season ranked seventh in the nation. This year they have 15 starters back. So why are they one of the mystery teams in the Pac-10? Because of the departure of coach Bruce Snyder and the arrival of Keith Gilbertson in his place, and the loss of quarterback Mike Pawlawski, who earned co-offensive player of the year honors in the Pac-10 as a senior last season.

"I am excited about this football team and the direction of this football team," says Gilbertson, who is no stranger to head coaching, having guided Idaho to an 11-2 record in 1988. Still, he has a tough act to follow. "There is no question that we have some very critical issues," he says. "How we are able to solve those situations may dictate what type of success we have this fall."

One of those issues is who's going to replace Pawlawski. But with the quarterback position seemingly up for grabs between Perry Klein, Dave Barr, and Todd Preston (Klein has the experience, Barr the stronger arm), Gilbertson, who helped jazz up the Washington attack with a one-back offense, can take comfort in a strong running game.

Russell White considered the possibility of turning pro but chose instead to return on the heels of a dazzling season in which he led the Pac-10 in rushing yardage (1,177) and carries (241), while scoring 14 touchdowns. Lindsey Chapman, White's back-up, saw enough action to gain 675 yards while averaging 5.6 yards per carry. Fullback Greg Zomwalt is a stellar blocker. It will be interesting to see how all three fit into Gilbertson's one-back philosophy.

Wide receiver Sean Dawkins, who has 17 touchdown catches in 15 career starts, blossomed last season, when he caught 40 passes for 723 yards. The offensive line will have three new starters, but one is 6-6, 290-pound tackle Todd Steussie, a potential All-American.

Aggressive defense helped Cal finish ninth in the nation in turnover margin last year, and the Bears should continue to play the same way. The line will be solid; it is anchored by tackle Mack Travis, who had 11½ tackles for loss and was named defensive player of the game in the Citrus Bowl. After a slow start inside linebacker Mick Barsala had 13 tackles behind the line and six sacks, and the other inside linebacker, Jerrott Willard, led the team in tackles. The secondary returns three starters.

Cal's special-teams play is solid. Doug Brien was the top-ranked placekicker in NCAA Division I last year, when he booted 19 field goals in 28 attempts. Chris Noonan averaged 40 yards a punt.

## 6 Washington State

Mike Price, the Cougars' outspoken head coach, is trying a low-key approach concerning his quarterback, Drew Bledsoe. "I'm trying to be mellow, because my mouth gets me in a lot of trouble," he says. "I'm letting Drew Bledsoe's arm speak louder than Mike Price's words." That's fine, coach. But surely there is something you'd like to say.

There is. "I like everything about him," Price says of Bledsoe, a 6-5, 220-pound junior who can move. "He's a great person, a tremendous leader. Very smart, very hardworking, an all-American type of guy, a good student, a great representative of our program."

One other thing: He can play a little, too. Bledsoe led the Pac-10 last season in total offense, completing 199 passes in 358 attempts (55.6%) for 2,741 yards and 17 touchdowns. He also threw 15 interceptions, but that stat should improve as Bledsoe continues to gain experience. By the time he's finished, Bledsoe should surpass the achievements of such former Cougars quarterbacks as Mark Rypien and Timm Rosenbach. "I think Drew is farther along than they were," Price says.

Even better, Bledsoe is just one of 13 starters returning on offense. That's right, 13. Not only are the starting 11 back, but two offensive linemen who missed all or most of last year rejoin the team. One of them is tackle Mike Bailey.

Bledsoe will have plenty of help in what might be the most explosive offense in Cougars history. Running back Shaumbe Wright-Fair rushed for 843 yards, and wide receiver Philip Bobo caught 54 passes for 769 yards and five touchdowns last season. C.J. Davis and Deron Pointer also will be inviting targets for Bledsoe. Among those returning up front is Bob Garman, who won All Pac-10 honors at tackle. He is switching to guard this season to make room for Bailey.

One weapon the Cougars will miss is record-setting Jason Hanson, whom Price calls "the greatest kicker who ever played the game of football." Replacing Hanson (who also led the Pac-10 in net punting average) on placekicks will be Price's son, Aaron.

As usual, however, defense remains the key. The Cougars were dead last in the Pac-10 in total defense in 1991, a factor as much to blame for their 4-7 record as anything. Price still is concerned, but the return of seven starters and the development of a quicker secondary are reasons for at least some optimism.

"I think we're going to be a little more aggressive because of the secondary," says Price. "They're very talented athletes, and when you have the secondary playing bump-and-run coverage you can do more things."

Price says his linebackers are "real good, especially with Anthony McClanahan," who tied for the Pac-10 lead in tackles last year with 144, despite playing the middle at a relatively light 205 pounds. The defensive line returns three starters, but there isn't much depth, and Price says some shuffling might be needed until he gets the type of unit he wants.

## 7 Arizona State

Before tinkering with the offense, defense, and special teams, new coach Bruce Snyder knows where the first changes must take place. "My first step is creating expectations about winning," he says. "We're gonna win, and we're gonna be tough enough to last an entire game with that attitude."

**The Bears are bullish on White, who returns to Cal after taking stock of his NFL options.**

The Sun Devils finished 6-5 under Larry Marmie and beat Arizona for the first time in nine years last season, but it wasn't enough. This is a program that went to the Rose Bowl as recently as 1986. In Marmie's four seasons, ASU made not one bowl appearance.

As much to blame for Marmie's demise was the Sun Devils' style: predictable and boring. It was more Big Ten than Pac-10, and certainly a change from the wide-open offensive and defensive systems espoused by past ASU coaches Frank Kush and Darryl Rogers. Snyder will do something about that. Although the Sun Devils are loaded with quality runners, such as Mario Bates and George Montgomery, and the quarterback position is a question mark—Bret Powers may or may not return as the starter—Snyder likes to mix it up. "I'm a major believer in the running game," he says, "but to score enough points the quarterback and the receivers must be able to execute some semblance of a passing attack."

The Sun Devils' offensive line is young and not fully adept at pass blocking, so Snyder might have to rely on the run more than he'd like. Nevertheless, he still has one of the best receivers in the league in Eric Guliford, who caught 55 passes for 801 yards last season.

The defense is where the biggest changes are taking place. Snyder, who is switching ASU from a three-man to a four-man front, likes a gambling, attacking, blitzing philosophy. "Everything is based on forcing the opponent to make a mistake through pressure," he says, then adds: "I've got to be smart enough to play within the personnel."

Snyder's system should please outside linebacker Shante Carver, who registered 11 sacks last year. Inside linebacker Brett Wallerstedt was fourth in the league in tackles, but the defensive line was hit hard by losses, and the secondary, while talented, is thin.

The Sun Devils' special teams should be set, however. Placekicker Mike Richey, who has made 29 field goals in 35 attempts in his career, returns, as

does punter Steve Rausch, who also kicks off and has doubled as the long kicker.

## 8 Arizona

Injuries and what has become a chronic lack of offense took their toll on the Wildcats last year, resulting in a 4-7 record and a loss to rival Arizona State for the first time in nine years. All that left a sour taste in the mouth of coach Dick Tomey—and in everybody else's, too. "It's behind us, but the feeling won't go away until we have a winning season," says Tomey, who experienced only his third losing season in 15 years as a head coach (he spent 10 years at Hawaii before coming to Arizona). "We'll use the fact that 1991 was not a pleasant experience for any of us. Our whole impetus is to bounce back, and I think we will."

If anything good came of the debacle, it was the opportunity and experience it provided. Arizona played 19 freshmen and six transfers last season. Added to that bunch will be seven transfers brought in by Tomey, including two from the defunct Long Beach State program. If anything, the Cats this year should have strength in numbers. "We've got some good players, and it's going to be hard to play because of competition for jobs," Tomey says.

Arizona returns eight starters on offense, although the usual number of question marks also are present. Quarterback, a position of uncertainty the last few years, remains so. Sophomore Chuck Levy, a better runner than passer, missed spring drills. Senior George Malauulu, a better thrower but not always steady, also returns.

Even the Wildcats' typically strong ground game was dealt a blow when Billy Johnson, who averaged 5.9 yards per carry last year, ruptured an Achilles tendon during a conditioning drill in February. His status is uncertain. That means more of a load will be placed on Ontiwaun Carter, who ran for 606 yards as a freshman. The line is experienced, and Terry Vaughn, who underwent knee surgery, is a potential game-breaker as a wide receiver and a kick returner.

Ty Parten, Rob Waldrop, and Jimmie Hopkins return to a defensive line that should be made even better by the addition of Tedy Bruschi, who showed promise as a freshman before getting hurt. Richard Maddox, the Cats' best pass-rusher in 1990, missed last season after suffering a foot injury in the opener against Ohio State. He's back at outside linebacker. Sean Harris emerged as a force at inside linebacker last year, and the secondary is led by cornerback Daryl Morrison, who intercepted a pass and returned it 67 yards for a touchdown against USC.

## 9 Oregon

Something happened to the Ducks in their quest to establish themselves among the elite of the Pac-10: Last season. Coming off successive 8-4 records and back-to-back bowl appearances for the first time ever, Oregon slumped to 3-8, losing their final six games and eight of the last nine. Included was a 14-3 defeat to rival Oregon State, which came into the game with an 0-10 record.

Injuries certainly contributed. Five different quarterbacks took the opening snap in consecutive games during the second half of the year. Sean Burwell, a 1,000-yard rusher in 1990, was injured. In five of the Ducks' last six games the offense was held to one or no touchdowns. On defense, the line was in tatters. "The last two-thirds of the season we didn't have an offense that was capable of winning in this league," coach Rich Brooks says. "We started out with two very fine offensive games [victories over Washington State and Texas Tech], and that was it. We didn't have another one.

"Whatever it was, injuries, blocking, catching, throwing, or running, we have to address all of those issues and come back to the productivity to which we have become accustomed."

That's a substantial challenge. Things should be better this year, but how much better is the question.

Danny O'Neil, who won the starting quarterback battle last year only to have his season marred by a dislocated thumb, returns as the incumbent. Significantly, O'Neil was the starter in each of the Ducks' three victories. Brett Salisbury, a junior-college transfer who started three games in 1991, also returns, as do Doug Musgrave and Kyle Crowston, each of whom started a game.

Burwell, whose 1991 rushing total was more than 400 yards below that of the previous season, also is back. He'll be joined by Donovan Moore, who took over as the starter. Flanker Anthony Jones and split end Ronnie Harris return as well. The line was hurt by losses, although tackle David Collinsworth should have a big year.

The Ducks should be in better shape on defense, where five of the six leading tacklers return. Free safety Eric Castle is being pushed for All-America honors following a season in which he intercepted four passes—returning two for touchdowns—and accounted for 70 tackles.

## 10 Oregon State

Coach Jerry Pettibone was brought in from Northern Illinois last season to replace Dave Kragthorpe, and the Beavers went 1-10—the same record that got Kragthorpe fired. However, there were some changes. The team spent much of the season learning Pettibone's option offense. Without a quarterback familiar with that offense, the Beavers struggled to a paltry 216 yards-per-game average. Much of that was forgotten, though, after the Beavers avoided going winless by defeating rival Oregon in the season finale.

This year the Beavers have three quarterbacks with option experience, but the job still might be open. Mark Olford, Ian Shields, and Sedrick Thomas all played as freshmen last season, and all had their problems. Now added to the mix is Roman Foster, a junior-college transfer who will get a shot.

If there is a strength on offense, it's at running back, where Chad Paulson, J.J. Young, Razshawn Miller, and Jason Barry all return. "The most experienced and deepest position we have on our team is at running back," Pettibone says. "We have quality and good athletic ability. Chad Paulson was the most consistent player we had on offense last year." The line, led by guard Fletcher Keister, also could be a strength, especially with the addition of several junior-college transfers.

The Beavers didn't scare anyone on defense last season, finishing eighth in the league in yards allowed per game, but eight starters are back, and Pettibone is optimistic. "They got better last year," he said. "They played hard and improved throughout the season."

The best part of the defense appears to be up front. Tackle Sailusi Poulivaati had 15 tackles for loss last season, and end Ricky Fizer was fifth in the league with seven sacks. —BOB COHN

### Returning Pac-10 Statistical Leaders

**PASSING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[a] | Comp. | Atts. | Yds. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Steve Stenstrom (So.) | Stanford | 1 | 119 | 197 | 1,683 | 15 |
| Billy Joe Hobert (Jr.) | Washington | 2 | 173 | 285 | 2,271 | 22 |
| Drew Bledsoe (So.) | Washington St. | 5 | 199 | 358 | 2,741 | 17 |
| Bret Powers (Jr.) | Arizona St. | 6 | 127 | 234 | 1,500 | 8 |
| Reggie Perry (Jr.) | USC | 8 | 131 | 255 | 1,574 | 3 |
| Charles Levy (So.) | Arizona | 9 | 26 | 52 | 315 | 2 |

**RUSHING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[b] | Atts. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kevin Williams (Sr.) | UCLA | 1 | 168 | 1,089 | 6.5 | 8 |
| Russell White (Sr.) | California | 2 | 241 | 1,177 | 5.1 | 14 |
| Tommy Vardell (Sr.) | Stanford | 3 | 226 | 1,084 | 4.8 | 20 |
| Beno Bryant (Sr.) | Washington | 4 | 158 | 943 | 6.0 | 8 |
| Shaumbe Wright-Fair (Jr.) | Washington St. | 5 | 187 | 843 | 4.5 | 5 |
| Billy Johnson (Jr.) | Arizona | 6 | 116 | 682 | 5.9 | 5 |
| Jay Barry (Sr.) | Washington | 7 | 146 | 718 | 4.9 | 10 |
| Lindsey Chapman (Jr.) | California | 8 | 121 | 675 | 5.6 | 6 |
| Ontiwaun Carter (So.) | Arizona | 9 | 113 | 606 | 5.4 | 4 |
| Deon Strother (Jr.) | USC | 10 | 129 | 614 | 4.8 | 7 |

**RECEIVING**

| Name ('92 Class) | School | 1991 Rank[c] | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sean LaChapelle (Sr.) | UCLA | 1 | 68 | 987 | 14.5 | 11 |
| Eric Guliford (Jr.) | Arizona St. | 4 | 55 | 801 | 14.6 | 2 |
| Phillip Bobo (Jr.) | Washington St. | 5 | 54 | 769 | 14.2 | 5 |
| Johnnie Morton (Jr.) | USC | 6 | 49 | 662 | 13.5 | 0 |
| Sean Dawkins (Jr.) | California | 9 | 40 | 723 | 18.1 | 11 |
| Glyn Milburn (Sr.) | Stanford | 9 | 40 | 454 | 11.4 | 3 |

a) Based on passing-efficiency rating for regular-season games.
b) Based on yards per regular-season game.
c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

# Big Sky

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Idaho
2. Boise State
3. Weber State
4. Montana
5. Eastern Washington
6. Northern Arizona
7. Idaho State
8. Montana State

With the big, bad Wolf Pack of Nevada gone to the Big West Conference, the way is cleared for a Treasure State battle for the Big Sky Conference championship.

After winning two consecutive Big Sky titles, Nevada has moved up to the Division I-A Big West. The teams most likely to inherit the top spot are Idaho, which had a six-year playoff run interrupted in 1991, and Boise State, which might have won the national championship last year had the team been allowed to play all its games at home.

Weber State has the best quarterback in I-AA, Jamie Martin, but a defense badly in need of help. Traditionally strong Montana may have too many holes to fill to challenge for the championship.

Idaho was everybody's choice to win the Big Sky last season, but the Vandals crashed and had to win two of their final three games to salvage a 6-5 season. They even lost four straight games in the Kibbie Dome, where they were formerly invulnerable. Coach John L. Smith knew all along his club wouldn't be as good as expected. And to make it worse, injuries shredded the defense—at one time the Vandals had only three healthy defensive backs. Smith has taken care of that situation by recruiting three junior-college transfers and another from the defunct Long Beach State program, and he likes the look of his team.

"I think we could be OK this year," says the third-year coach. "I'm kind of excited. I feel better about the depth. I'm more optimistic this year than I was going into last year."

### 1 Idaho

The Vandals have two true blue-chippers in quarterback Doug Nussmeier and defensive end Jeff Robinson. Nussmeier, a junior who started as a redshirt freshman, was third nationally in total offense and passed for 3,300 yards last season, with 25 touchdown passes and only 11 interceptions. In a league in which a great quarterback is almost a necessity, Nussmeier fills the bill.

Robinson, an NFL prospect and last year's Big Sky defensive player of the year, can go as far as he wants, Smith says. "Every year he's made great strides," says the coach about the senior. "He's got to make that next stride this year. If he does that he'll be as good a defensive lineman as has ever come out of this league, as good as Charles Mann or Doug Betters."

The Vandals started four freshmen last year. They'll have 15 starters back, and they expect to get immediate help in the secondary from Long Beach State transfer Darrick Davis and junior-college transfers Ed Wiggins, Cedrick West, and Rodney Johnson.

### 1991 Big Sky Standings

| School | Conference W | Conference L | Conference T | Overall W | Overall L | Overall T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nevada | 8 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Montana | 6 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Weber State | 6 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Eastern Washington | 4 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Idaho | 4 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Boise State | 4 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Idaho State | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Northern Arizona | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Montana State | 1 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |

**Under the pointed leadership of Robinson, Idaho's defense will vandalize the Big Sky.**

### 2 Boise State

Boise State was 7-0 at home last year, where they outscored opponents 278-96. However, the Broncos were 0-4 on the road, the first winless road record in BSU history. Three of those losses, though, came down to the final play of the game. This year the schedule is in BSU's favor: Idaho, Weber State, and Montana must all come to Boise.

"We've been real close," says sixth-year coach Skip Hall, who was a finalist for the University of Minnesota coaching job during the offseason. "We've got another 5% or 10% that we need to improve on to get where we all want to be."

BSU will alter its offense, breaking away from the basic I-formation to more one-back sets to take advantage of a wealth of good receivers. Quarterback Jeff Mladenich threw only two interceptions in 239 passes in 1991, setting a I-AA record for interception percentage.

The defense, which was second in I-AA against the rush, needs help after losing three starting linemen and all four backs. Hall hopes a pair of linemen from Walla Walla (Wash.) Community College—Hawaiian Kimo von Oelhoffen (6-4, 280) and Samoan Puni Alefaio (6-2, 275)—will provide help right away.

### 3 Weber State

Coach Dave Arslanian said last summer that he wouldn't trade Jamie Martin for any quarterback in the country, and he was careful to note that he was including 1990 Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer from nearby Brigham Young. Martin justified Arslanian's statement by leading I-AA in total offense at 394.2 yards a game, throwing 35 touchdown passes, and earning I-AA player of the year honors. In a remarkable 60-41 win over Idaho State, he set I-AA records with 624 passing yards, 643 yards total offense, and 47 completions.

Weber State scored 45 points per game—and led I-AA in total offense at 578 yards per game—but gave up 34.8 per contest.

### 4 Montana

Coach Don Read has put together six consecutive winning seasons, the longest such streak in Montana history, but a killer two-week trip to Louisiana destroyed the Grizzlies' playoff chances last year. Their nonconference schedule could do them in again: Two of their first three games are at Washington State and at Kansas State.

The Grizzlies must rebuild the defense, where only three starters return. Quarterback Brad Lebo, a Lewiston, Idaho, product who got away from all the in-state schools, might have been the most improved player in the league from the start of the season to the end. Booed by the home fans during the early going, he ended up sixth in I-AA in total offense.

### 5 Eastern Washington

Now in his 14th season, coach Dick Zornes does more with less than anybody in the league and always manages to pull an upset or two. However, the Eagles lack depth and tend to wear down as the season goes on. The Eagles' bruising running game will be led by Harold Wright, who was third in the Big Sky in 1991.

### 6 Northern Arizona

The Lumberjacks were the youngest team in the league last year, when they started six sophomores and three freshmen. They got away with it offensively, recording the school's second highest total offense figure, but their defense was frightening, allowing 41 points a game during league play. Third-year coach Steve Axman, a former Pac-10 assistant, recruited three junior-college defensive players who could start immediately. The offense is in the hands of John Bonds, a onetime Arizona State player who has thrown for 5,718 yards in two seasons.

### 7 Idaho State

Coach Garth Hall was axed after going 3-7-1 (9-33-1 in four seasons) and replaced by Brian McNeely, a young, enthusiastic coach who was 43-22-1 in six seasons at Garden City (Kan.) Community College. McNeely has said publicly the Bengals can win the Big Sky title this fall, even though they haven't had a winning season since 1983 and haven't won more than three games since 1985. His immediate goal is to get the players believing they can win.

### 8 Montana State

Cliff Hysell is the league's second new coach, replacing Earle Solomonson at Montana State. Solomonson was one of the most likable coaches in the Big Sky, but even that didn't help him after he went 15-40 in five seasons, including 2-9 last year. The Bobcats have a couple of big-play men: receiver/kick returner Rob Tesch and cornerback Morgan Ryan, who was tied for fourth in I-AA in interceptions last season with eight.

—PHIL SMITH

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